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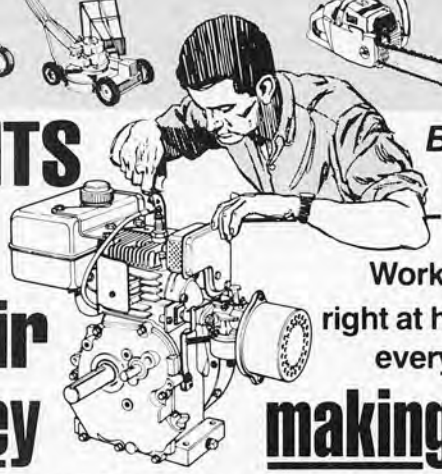

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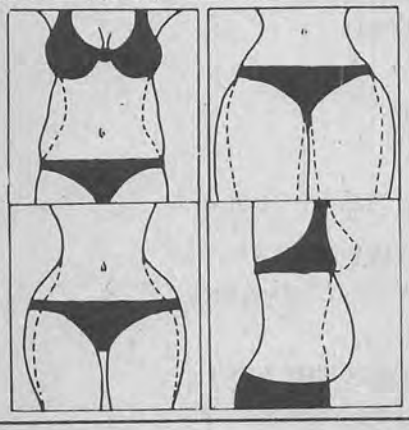

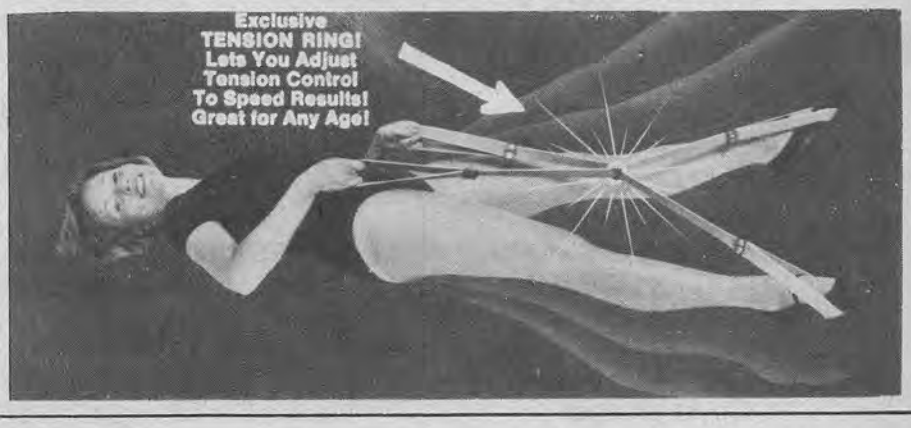


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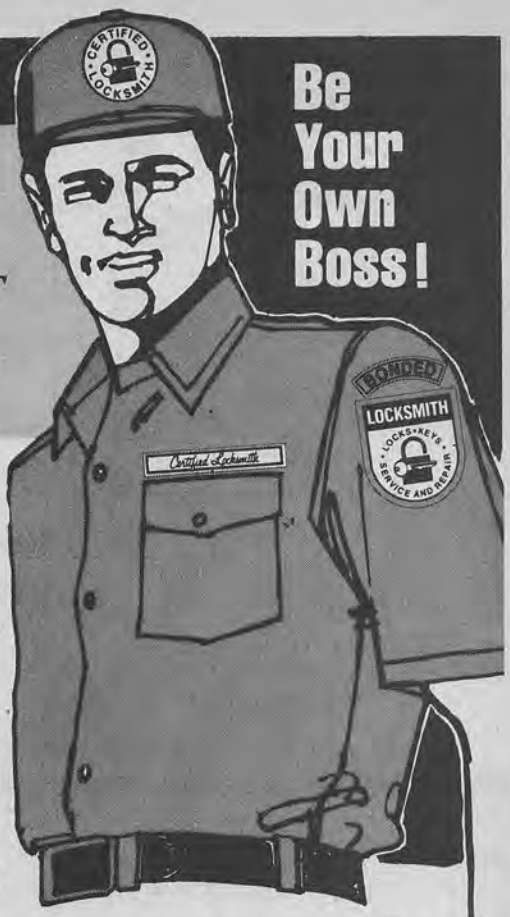


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The Warriors have a right to brag about the way they look. And I get sick when I see some geeks trying to defeat them. A big smile crosses my face every time I see Animal or Hawk clothesline their poor opponent. And let me say this: The people that disagree with my views are ignorant. Everyone knows that the Warriors are winners, not losers. Anyone who doesn't have that fact straight cannot be considered a wrestling fan.

RICHIE PIETROWSKI
Richmond Hill, NY

Sunshine, rubbing Precious into the mat, is missed by many of the fans. Kerry Wilson hopes that she will come back to help Chris Adams.

## PIPER MUST APOLOGIZE

During a "Piper's Pit" interview segment of televised WWF wrestling, Rowdy Roddy Piper had as his guest rock star Cyndi Lauper.

Piper commented on how great it was that Capt. Lou Albano was guiding Ms. Lauper's career, but Lauper corrected him by saying that Albano was not her manager, only her friend.

Following that remark, Albano came out and started to downgrade Cyndi and all women in general with such outlandish remarks as calling them "broads," and saying that "all women are slime." Then Piper decided to join in.

Cyndi Lauper is a superstar, and does not deserve the verbal attack that Piper and Albano gave her.

Ever since Piper started "Piper's Pit," it has just been an excuse to publicly humiliate wrestling's superstars. Piper and Albano are poor excuses for men, and "Piper's Pit" should be taken off the air if Piper cannot control his actions.

I believe that a public apology to Cyndi Lauper by Piper is deserved.

RON WILLIAMS
Harrisburg, PA

## COME BACK, SUNSHINE

An open letter to Sunshine:

I admit that the people of Texas didn't like you too much when you were with Jimmy Garvin, but since you've come around and helped Chris Adams beat Garvin, we are all behind you. And when you can get all the people of Texas on your side, you've accomplished a lot! We've also realized that you're not just some dumb blonde that Garvin picked up off the street!

We know that you know more about wrestling than Garvin could ever hope to know, and you've become a very powerful weapon against him.

Since you've been gone from ringside because of the pressures from Garvin and Precious, we've all missed you. When your aunt Stella Mae showed up, she started taking care of business!

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# THE TATTLER

**DALLAS, TX:** Negotiations are underway to schedule yet another championship match between The Von Erichs (Kevin, Mike, and Kerry) and The Fabulous Freebirds to determine which team is the rightful holder of the World Class six-man tag team title.

That title has been held up twice in the past few months.

On May 6 in Texas Stadium, Fritz Von Erich came out of retirement to team with his sons Kevin and Mike and challenge the champion Freebirds in a "Badstreet-style" match. The Von Erichs won the title, but

**THE FABULOUS FREEBIRDS**

World Class officials later rescinded the referee's decision, pointing out that the legal men were not in the ring at the time of the pin.

A rematch, with Kerry Von Erich replacing his dad, was scheduled to determine the champions, but that too ended in controversy. It was a Badstreet-style Texas tornado match, with all six men in the ring at the same time.

Michael Hayes pinned Kerry Von Erich, but he did so with the help of Killer Khan, who chopped Kerry from the ring apron while the referee wasn't looking. World Class officials reviewed the tape and decided to hold the title up once again.

The most difficult aspect of the current negotiations for the rubber match appears to be what type match it will be. World Class officials want to be certain that no matter what occurs in the match, the six-man title will not be held up a third time.

*—Andrew Ray*

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**No one knows wrestling better than the fans. Because of this, we're now giving these experts a forum for their views and opinions. Each month, we'll ask a controversial question and have the fans answer—no matter what those answers might be!**

*THE QUESTION:*
*"Who do you think is capable of beating Ric Flair for the NWA World heavyweight championship?"*

*THE ANSWERS:*
*Cathy Edwards, Irving, TX:* "I think that if he's given another chance at the title, Kerry Von Erich will be champion again. He already beat Flair once, and he certainly has the talent to be able to do it again. 'The Modern-Day Warrior' keeps getting better and better with each match, and it's only a matter of time before he catches up with Flair again."

*Stanley Atkins, Paramus, NJ:* "Rick Steamboat. No question. I saw the match in the Meadowlands between Flair and Steamboat, and the Steamer got him into a pinning position—well, it must have been at least a dozen times or more. In fact, if not for Flair pulling Rick's trunks to get a pinfall, Steamboat would have the belt today!"

*Anthony Elias, Charlotte, NC:* "If there's anyone who can beat Flair, it's Wahoo McDaniel. The Chief has been denied a lot of deserved title shots over the years, but now he's taking the steps necessary to get what's rightfully his. He'll get his title shots, and Flair will get a one way ticket to the showers . . . *without* the NWA belt!"

**Rick Steamboat applies a front facelock on Ric Flair. Based on Steamboat's sterling performance against Flair at New Jersey's Meadowlands Arena, respondent Stanley Atkins is convinced that the Hawaiian will soon be NWA World champion.**

*Brian Rich, Miami:* "Who else but the 'Champion of Champions,' 'The American Dream' himself, the one and only 'Lord of the Ring,' Dusty Rhodes. I was at ringside in the Orange Bowl and cheering like crazy when Dusty finished off Flair, and it was too bad that it was a non-title match, because it would have made a glorious three-way prize: $100,000, the $25,000 'Champion of Champions' ring, and the NWA belt itself. Oh well, two out of three isn't bad, and that third reward will be around Dusty's waist soon enough, anyway."

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THE BATTLE BETWEEN The Sheik and Fred Blassie in Los Angeles' Olympic Auditorium was called "The Bloodbath of the Century" by ringside reporters. Perhaps the strangest occurrence of all were the cheers heard for Blassie, who until that time was the most hated wrestler in California history ... Tim Woods was saved from serious injury by tag team partner Sam Steamboat during a brutal match against Swede Hanson and Rip Hawk ... Haystacks Calhoun, 601 pounds, and Gorilla Monsoon, 480 pounds, wrestled in a stirring West Coast encounter. Monsoon won this battle of superheavyweights ... Mad Dog Vachon and Pampero Firpo clashed in a battle of madmen in Duluth, Minnesota. Fourteen arenas had turned down this match, fearing their buildings would be destroyed ... NWA champion Dory Funk Jr. defeated Harley Race in a classic encounter in Lubbock, Texas. "Someday," Race said, "I'll beat that kid" ... U.S. champion Ray Stevens and challenger Dr. Bill Miller wrestled for nearly two hours in front of a capacity crowd at San Francisco's Cow Palace in a Texas death match. Stevens retained his title when Miller injured his knee and couldn't continue ... Woman's World champion the Fabulous Moolah won 23 matches in the month of July.

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**In July 1969, the busiest month of her career, Fabulous Moolah (above) won 23 matches. The memorable Sheik-Fred Blassie bloodbath (below).**

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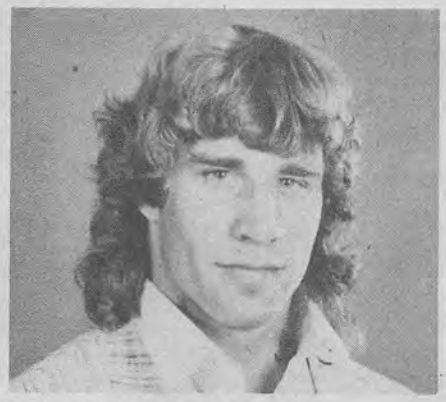
## THE "QUESTION OF THE MONTH" IS:

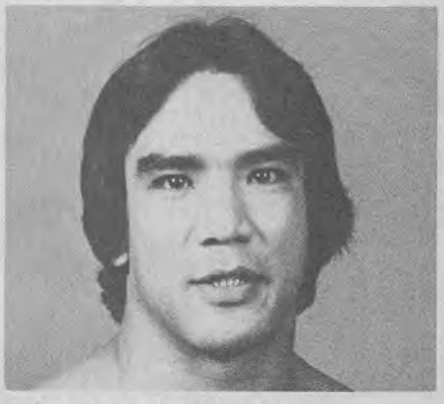
## "How do you deal with an unjust defeat at the hands of a rulebreaker?"

## Submitted by: Marcia Hollis, Abilene, TX



### KERRY VON ERICH

"Referees rarely reverse a decision, no matter how much you try to change their minds. And complaining gets you nowhere. You just have to resign yourself to the fact that the decision went against you, even if it was unjust. You can't think about it the next time you get in the ring or it'll destroy your concentration."



### RICK STEAMBOAT

"There is not much you can do about it after the fact. There are certain channels by which you can protest a decision, but what it comes down to is that you've just got to try and do all you can do *during* the match to avoid any kind of an unjust decision."

### BILLY JACK

"There's an old saying that goes, 'If at first you don't succeed . . .' and, well, I think you know the rest. But that's the motto I live by. You can't get angry about a raw deal. I've done that in life, and I learned it doesn't help one bit. The only way to fight a raw deal is to come back and give even more of yourself the next time."

### BRAD ARMSTRONG

"That's a good question. It depends on the situation. Right now I've got two of those situations I'm dealing with, one with Ted DiBiase, and one with The Spoiler. Some people may not believe it's the right way to deal with these situations, but I'm dealing with these two guys the best way I know how—with my fists."

# RS ANSWER OF THE MONTH

**ANGELO MOSCA JR.**
"I'm learning that you can't let an opponent's sneakiness get the best of you. Wrestling is an emotional sport as much as it is a physical sport, and when someone cheats to win, he's battling you on both of those levels. I just try to take his actions for what they are and come back at him with all I've got the next time."

**MIKE ROTUNDO**
"Oh boy, now is *this* a timely question! Right now I'm trying to apply some logic to my loss to Angelo Mosca. I'm trying to figure out why he did what he did to me, and I just can't make heads or tails out of it. And I thought Mosca was an honorable man. Just goes to show you—you can never be sure about anything."

**JIMMY VALIANT**
"There's only one way to deal with it, daddy, and that's to get down to the truth! Because the truth will set you free, you see, and that's as easy as one, two, three! The truth is that I deserved the win, and to prove that truth I get my Boogie Woogie Brigade together and boogie woogie all over the man who gone and done me wrong!"

**GREG GAGNE**
"Sometimes there isn't much you can do. Occasionally, if it's a very important title match, the commissioners and officials will review tapes of the match and reverse a referee's decision. But that's extremely rare. How do I deal with an unjust defeat? I try my best not to get defeated in the first place!"

**STEVE O**
"I must admit, I get angry. Very angry. That kind of a loss really burns me, because I feel so cheated about having a hard-earned victory taken away from me. I usually go into the gym and work my anger off there. Anger may not be the best motivation for working out, but believe me, it's a strong one!"

**JIMMY SNUKA**
"You know, brother, when the spirit of truth is torn apart, it becomes like the feeling of a rising volcano inside my very heart. There is an emotion that comes together, and a feeling that everything must be set to be right, because an unjust decision is not a decision, but a crime, and crimes against myself do not pay, brother. Remember this." □

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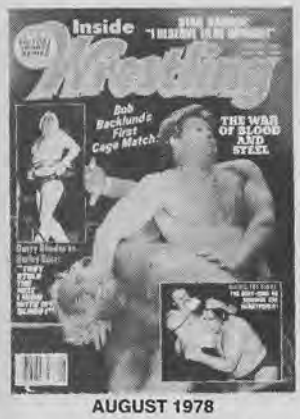


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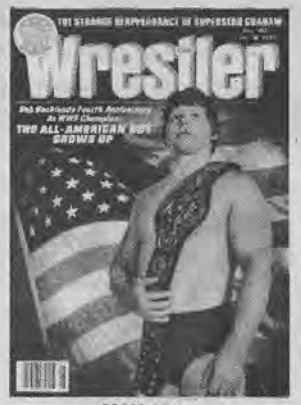


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# WRESTLER OF THE MONTH

# TOMMY RICH

"THAT THERE IS the reason they call me 'Wildfire,' brother, it's because I can come right back from any setback and scream through the ring like a fireball, like a lightning bolt, like *wildfire,* and come out of it with a victory—and maybe even a championship belt!"

Those were the words of Tommy "Wildfire" Rich shortly after winning the Mid-Southern International heavyweight title from The Oriental Connection, Masao Ito. Observers of the Mid-Southern wrestling scene are calling that match a case of "fighting fire with *wildfire.*" Here's what happened:

Tommy was accompanied to the ring by Tojo Yamamoto, who has been claiming that he is the man who originally started Tommy out in the professional ranks. Yamamoto was to stay in Rich's corner throughout the match to keep an eye on Jimmy Hart, Masao Ito's manager.

During the match, Hart passed a packet of powder to Ito, who threw it in Tommy's face and very nearly scored a pinfall victory. Several minutes later—fighting fire with *wildfire*—Yamamoto passed a packet of powder to Tommy, who threw it in Ito's face and followed up with a pin for the title.

"Hey, brother, it's an eye for an eye, you know what I'm saying?" Tommy asked rhetorically after the match. "It's not like I made the first move with powder, it was Ito who stepped out first. But I'll be hanged if I'm going to let him get away with something like that. No sir, no way. Ain't nobody can get the best of *Wildfire!*"

Rich's victory has raised controversy throughout the wrestling world, and among the staff of *Sports Review Wrestling.* Indeed, considering the details of Rich's victory, his selection as "Wrestler of the Month" this issue is in itself very controversial.

"He threw powder in Ito's eyes!" screeched Assistant Editor Joseph Bua, "that's no way to win a match! And we're going to honor him for that?"

"This incident shows that perhaps the little wormslime has just the slightest iota of intelligence, though I'm going to reserve final judgment for quite some time, sir," said Assistant Editor Dan Shocket, a staunch defender of all rulebreaking practices.

"Look, winning this title isn't the only reason Tommy deserves to be Wrestler of the Month," said Senior Editor Bill Apter.

True enough. It isn't how Rich won the title that is important, it's the fact that he was able to persevere through some mentally difficult times and wrestle at the top of his ability that makes his title win so significant.

At the present time, the relationship between Rich and tag team partner Eddie Gilbert appears to be strained. After The New Fabulous Ones lost the Mid-Southern tag team belts to the combination of Phil Hickerson and the Mid-Southern Spoiler, a wedge of bitter disappointment was immediately driven between Rich and Gilbert, and thus far both men have refused to offer comment to the press regarding the loss of the belts or their attitudes toward each other.

Adding further tension between Rich and Gilbert is the fact that Eddie's father, Tommy Gilbert, defeated Tommy's cousin Johnny Rich for the U.S. junior heavyweight championship.

"That had to weigh heavily on Tommy's mind," said Bua. "But it's still no reason to make him 'Wrestler of the Month.' "

"Look, Tommy's been through a lot lately," Apter explained. "Any normal man would have crumbled under the weight of his burdens. Losing the tag team title like that and then having that kind of an implied conflict with your own tag team partner can play havoc with a man's mind. I'm surprised that Tommy didn't turn into a rulebreaker all over again!"

Bua thought long and hard about Apter's point.

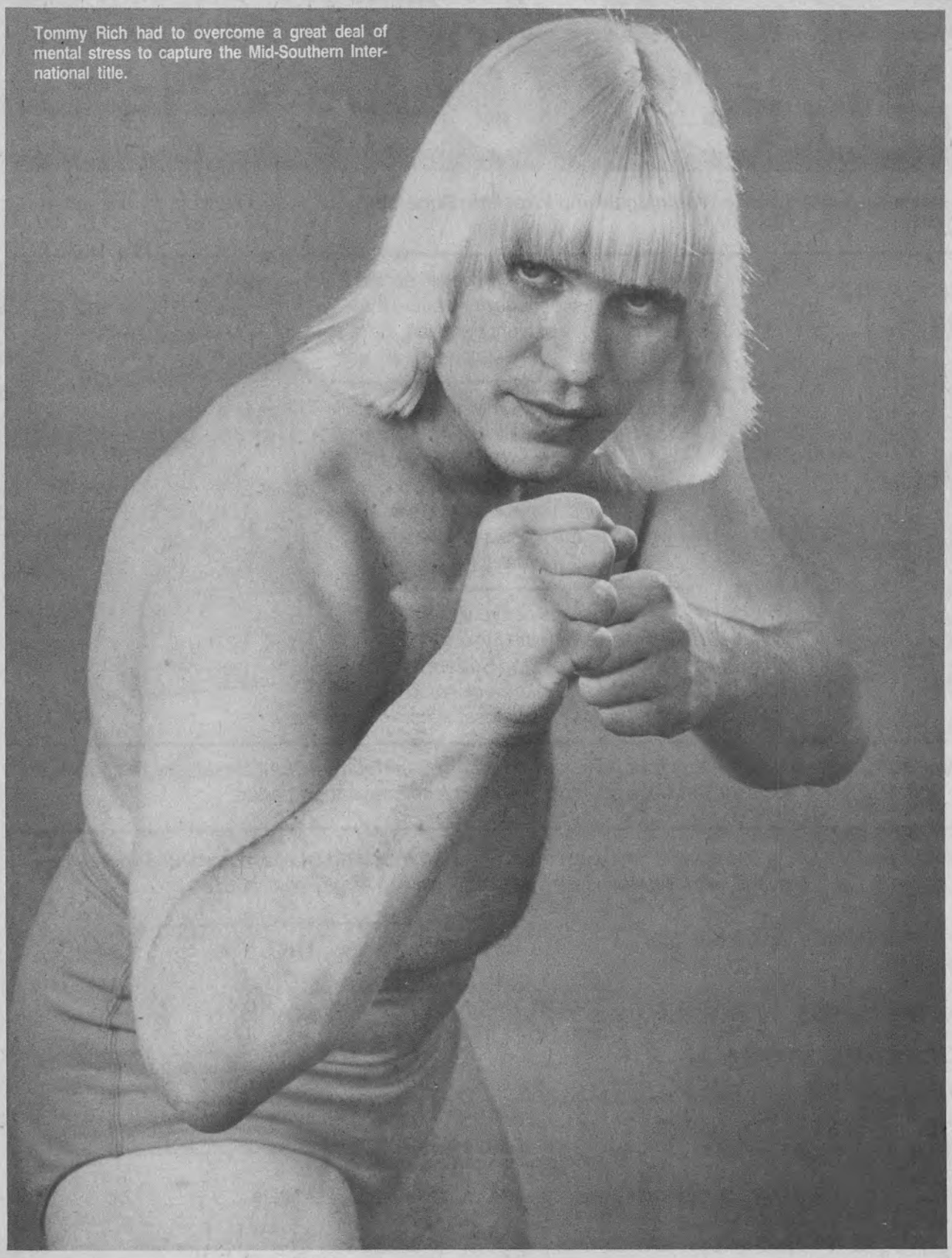
"You're making sense, Bill," Bua conceeded, "but I thought that we usually award 'Wrestler of the Month' honors to some individual who has captured a major heavyweight title in an honorable way, or to some man who has put a proper end to an ongoing feud. I didn't think we'd begun honoring men who throw powder in opponents' eyes to win titles!"

"We're not," Apter said, "but we do honor men who have fought against great adversities to come out winners. Tommy's been through a lot these last few weeks, and look at him: He's captured the Mid-Southern International title, he's on the top of the Mid-Southern ratings, and he's more popular with the fans there than ever before."

A vote among the staff members of *Sports Review Wrestling* was taken. Of the eight editors present, five voted in favor of Rich, while three voted for other candidates.

You may agree with the majority, or you may side with the minority. Either way, we would like to hear your opinions regarding this issue's controversial candidate.

And in any event, congratulations are in order for October's "Wrestler of the Month": Tommy "Wildfire" Rich. □



Tommy Rich had to overcome a great deal of mental stress to capture the Mid-Southern International title.

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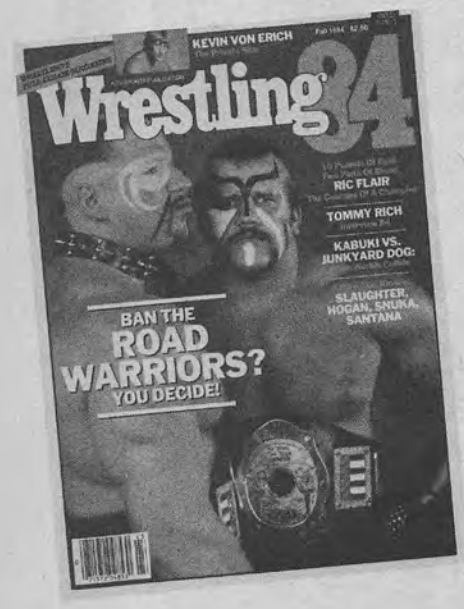


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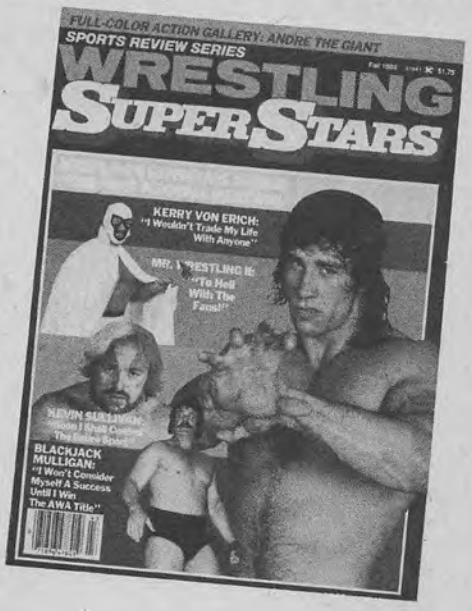
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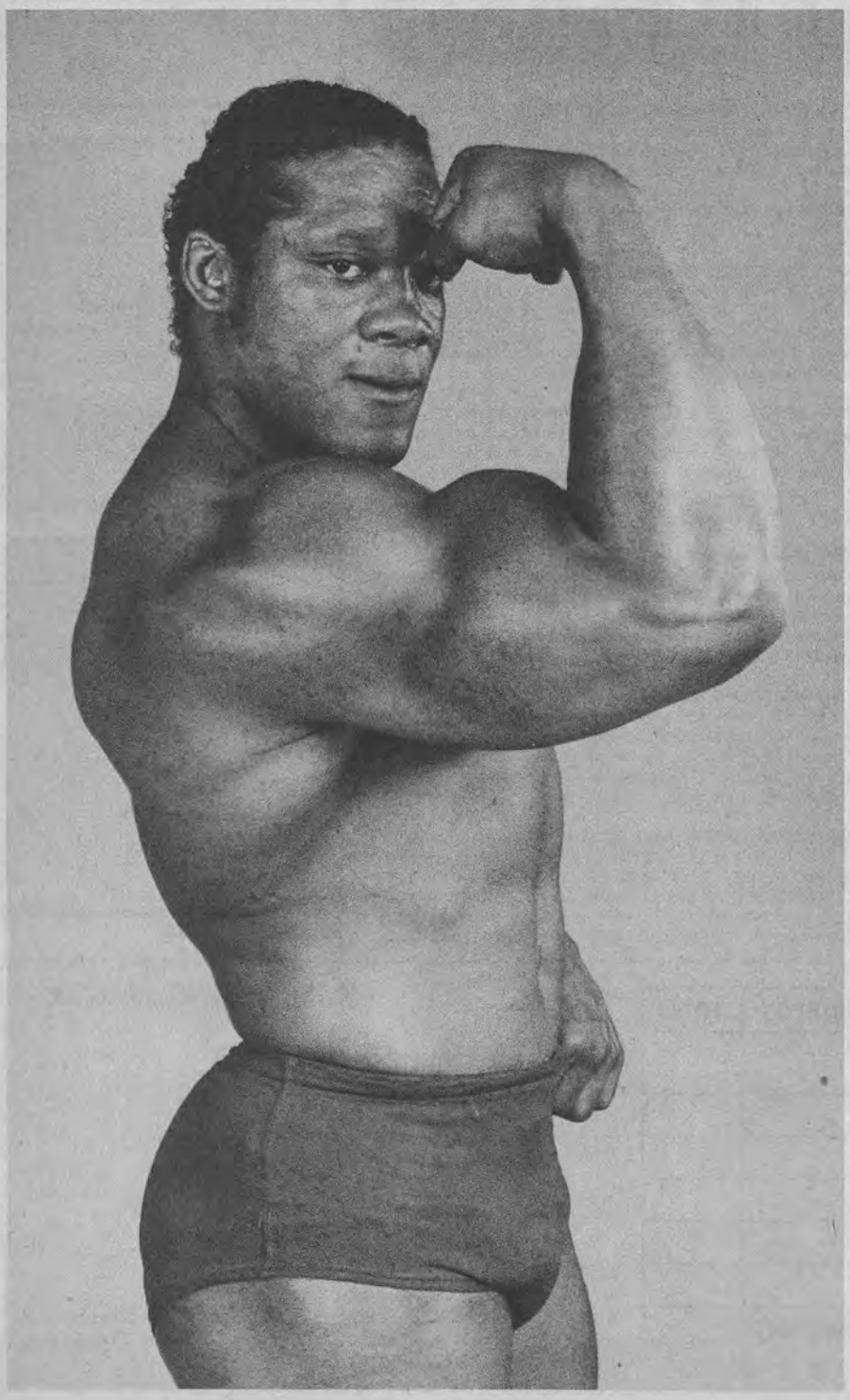
# INTERVIEW

## TONY ATLAS



*A former Mr. U.S.A. titleholder, Tony Atlas has used his experience in bodybuilding to provide him with an awe-inspiring physique that in turn has become a powerful wrestling weapon.*

*Atlas harbors dreams of becoming the first black world heavyweight wrestling champion. That accolade has eluded him, but he has been successful in capturing many regional singles and tag team titles.*

*Atlas' most recent title success came when he and his partner, Rocky Johnson, captured the WWF tag team title from The Samoans. After a six-month reign, Johnson and Atlas lost the tag team belts to the team of Adrian Adonis and Dick Murdoch. After the loss, Atlas and Johnson parted to compete in singles matches.*

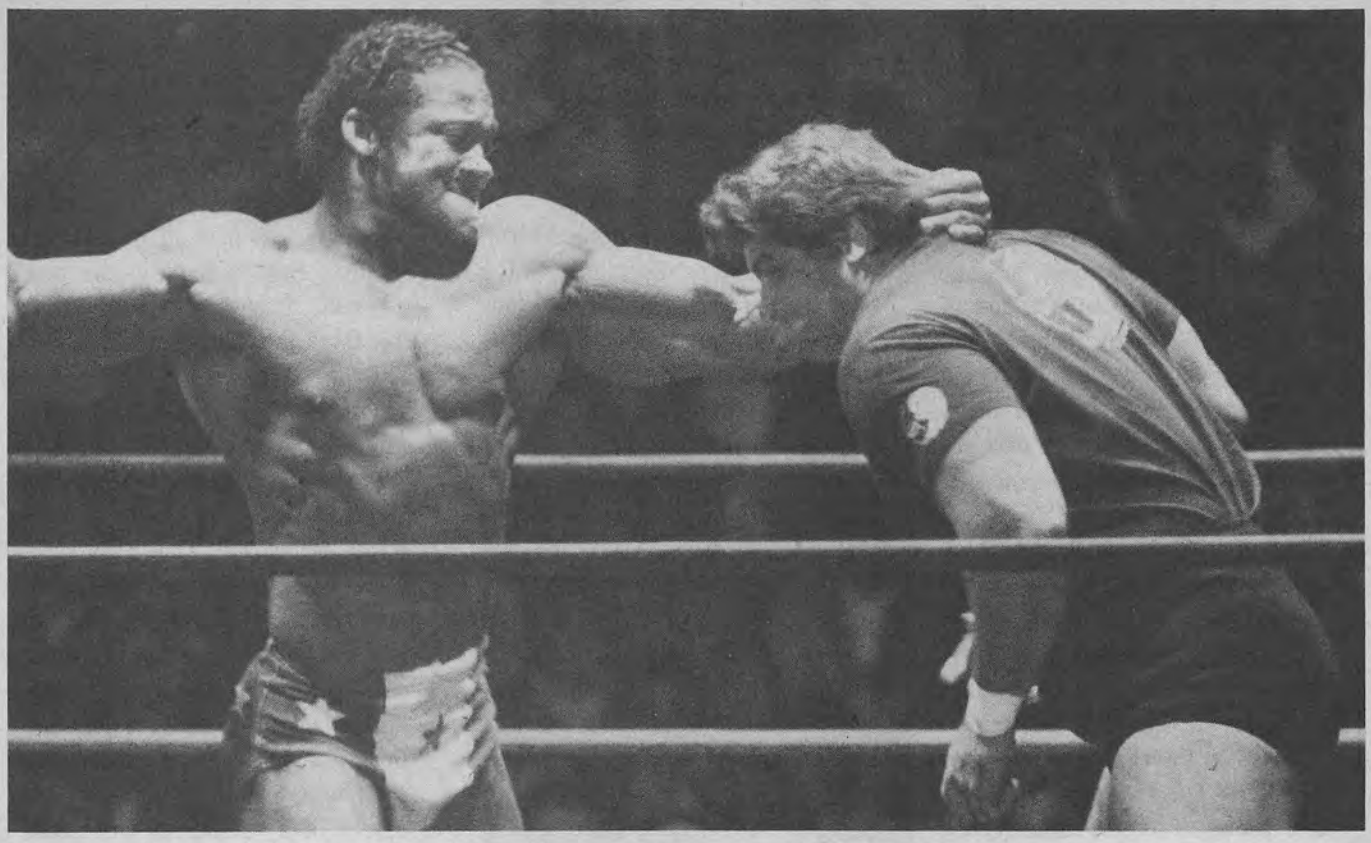
*Now Atlas is embarking on a new phase in his remarkably successful career, as he heads to the AWA area for the first time ever.*

*Senior Editor Bill Apter spoke with Atlas recently in New York City.*

*"Atlas was in amazingly high spirits," Apter said. "It is clear that he is looking forward to competing in the AWA and, as you'll see in the interview, renewing some old feuds from years ago!"*

**Q:** Tony, quite simply, why did you leave the WWF and why are you going to the AWA?

**A: Well, I came to the WWF to achieve a purpose and I teamed up with a very, very good friend of mine by the name of Rocky Johnson. Me and Rocky wanted to prove to the people that we could become champions whenever we**

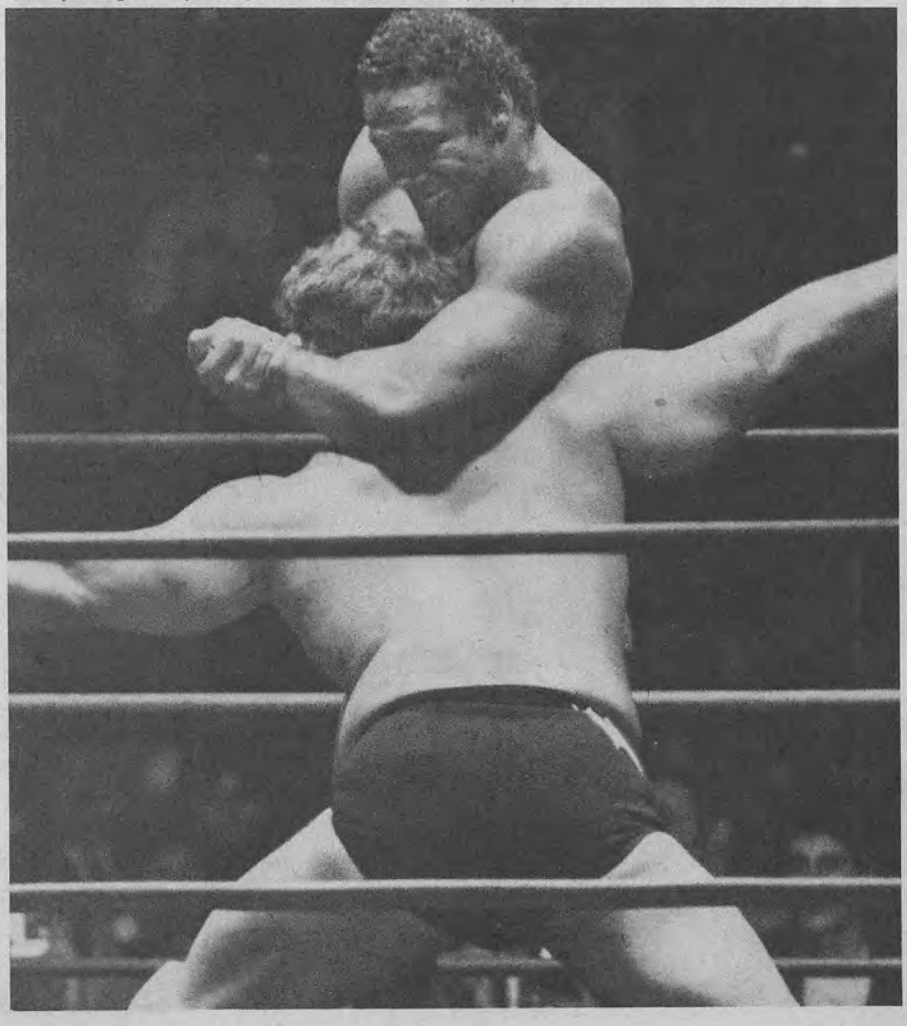


wanted to. Me and Rocky got together and we took the title from two of the meanest, roughest, toughest wrestlers that ever been into professional wrestling. I'm speaking of The Wild Samoans, Afa and Sika. Me and Rocky, we won the title, and we held the title for a good six months. And after the six-month period of time, we lost the title, but we lost the title with the knowledge that we could come right back and get it anytime we wanted to. There is no distaste in my mouth or Rocky's about losing the title, because we know we are still, within our hearts, WWF tag team champions.

**Q:** Why didn't you get an immediate rematch?

**A:** Well, because our purpose was accomplished here. My purpose to come to the WWF was to prove that I could win the title whenever I wanted to. And now I'm looking to venture on to bigger and better things. And right now, all the action and excitement is in the AWA area. In the AWA they got one guy that I faced a long time ago when I wrestled under a mask and called myself "Black Atlas." That

Atlas has respect for Magnificent Muraco's abilities, but he does not approve of the manner in which those abilities are utilized. During a WWF match, Atlas begins his offensive before the opening bell (above) and maintains the upper hand with a headlock (below).



man is Abdullah the Butcher. He unmasked me, and I still have several scars on my head today from Abdullah the Butcher. And now he's in the AWA and . . .

**Q:** So this is a vendetta from 1975?

**A: Yes it is, yes it is. Abdullah the Butcher, he hospitalized me, he split open the head of a friend of mine named Tommy Rich. He put a lot of good wrestlers, like Skip Young for example, into the hospital. Abdullah's known all over the world for being one of the meanest guys there is.**

**Q:** What about Nick Bockwinkel?

**A: Well, I have wrestled Nick Bockwinkel, the former AWA World heavyweight champion, in Houston, Texas, many times, and I have the ability to beat Nick Bockwinkel if I just get the chance. And I hear that Verne Gagne, right now, is the best promoter in the country, the best trainer of professional wrestlers in the country, and if you go by all the talent and all the people that come out of his school, you see all those wrestlers going all over the world right now . . .**

**Q:** So you're very anxious to go there?

**A: Well, you know, I remember wrestling Hulk Hogan, I used to do repetition presses lifting Hulk Hogan over my head. He went to Verne Gagne, Verne Gagne took him under his wing, and now he's the WWF champion. I feel that in the AWA I could pick up a whole lot.**

**Q:** It should be good for you.

**A: It'll be wonderful for me. Verne Gagne is a very disciplined and a very honest man, and if he's got anything to say he's gonna say it straight up.**

Atlas has wrestled Nick Bockwinkel before (above) and looks forward to another match with the former AWA champ. Larry Zbyszko (below) is another man Tony will probably meet again.

**Q:** A few more names in the AWA I want to mention to you and see what you have to say. Bruiser Brody?

**A: Bruiser Brody I wrestled in Texas. This here is a man of tremendous strength. See, both of us are men of great, great power, and Brody has fantastic athletic abilities, too.**

**Q:** Plus he's a brawler.

**A: That's right, he's a brawler. He can get down in the ditches with you, brother, and scrap all day long.**

**Q:** Larry Zbyszko.

**A: I saw what he did to Bruno Sammartino, and I know that Zbyszko is a man who doesn't respect himself, and a man who don't respect himself definitely can't respect nobody else. He's a backstabber, you can't believe nothing he says. He's a heck of a wrestler, a very strong individual, one of the greatest wrestlers in the world, I believe, if he don't lower himself to dirty tactics. Because I believe by lowering yourself to dirty tactics like that makes you forget some of the great gifts and talents you have as a professional wrestler. Magnificent Muraco is the same way.**

**Q:** What do you mean?

**A: Well, Muraco is a talented guy. A**

heck of a wrestler. But he slips down into using dirty tactics all the time, and it only cheapens him. He doesn't need it. His knowledge of scientific maneuvers is amazing, but he forgets about all that and lowers himself to the level of common rulebreaking. It's really a shame.

**Q:** Rick Martel.

**A:** Well, Rick is one heck of a good wrestler. He's got to be to be holding the AWA World heavyweight title. I remember seeing him when he was in the WWF teaming up with Tony Garea, and the two of them had the WWF tag team belts. I remember thinking that this is a guy who still has a long way to go as far as reaching his peak, you know what I mean? Martel is a wrestler who is still on the rise, still getting better all the time, and it's great to see him succeeding as much as he is.

**Q:** Would you wrestle him for the AWA World title?

**A:** Why not? Heck, if Rick would give me a title shot, I'm there. It would be a great scientific match, and I think the fans would really enjoy it.

**Q:** Do you plan to wrestle singles matches in the AWA, or are you going to be looking for a tag team partner right away?

**A:** No, I think I'll be wrestling in singles matches right off the top. Of course, that don't mean I won't be keeping an eye out for the right partner. I like tag team wrestling a lot, and I hear that The Road Warriors are in the AWA. I wouldn't mind testing myself and going up against them. They're a couple of big boys, those Warriors!

**Q:** They sure are!

**A:** You better believe it! Hey—it looks like everyone is going into the AWA these days, you know what I'm saying? The Warriors, Brody, Abdullah, and yours truly!

**Q:** Tony, thank you very much, and we look forward to your climb in the AWA ratings.

**A:** Thank you, sir. □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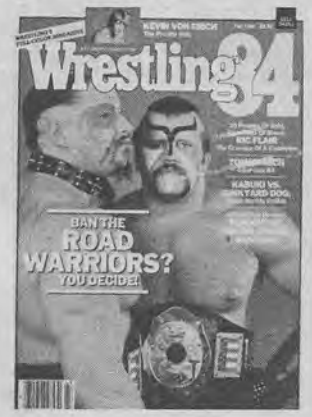


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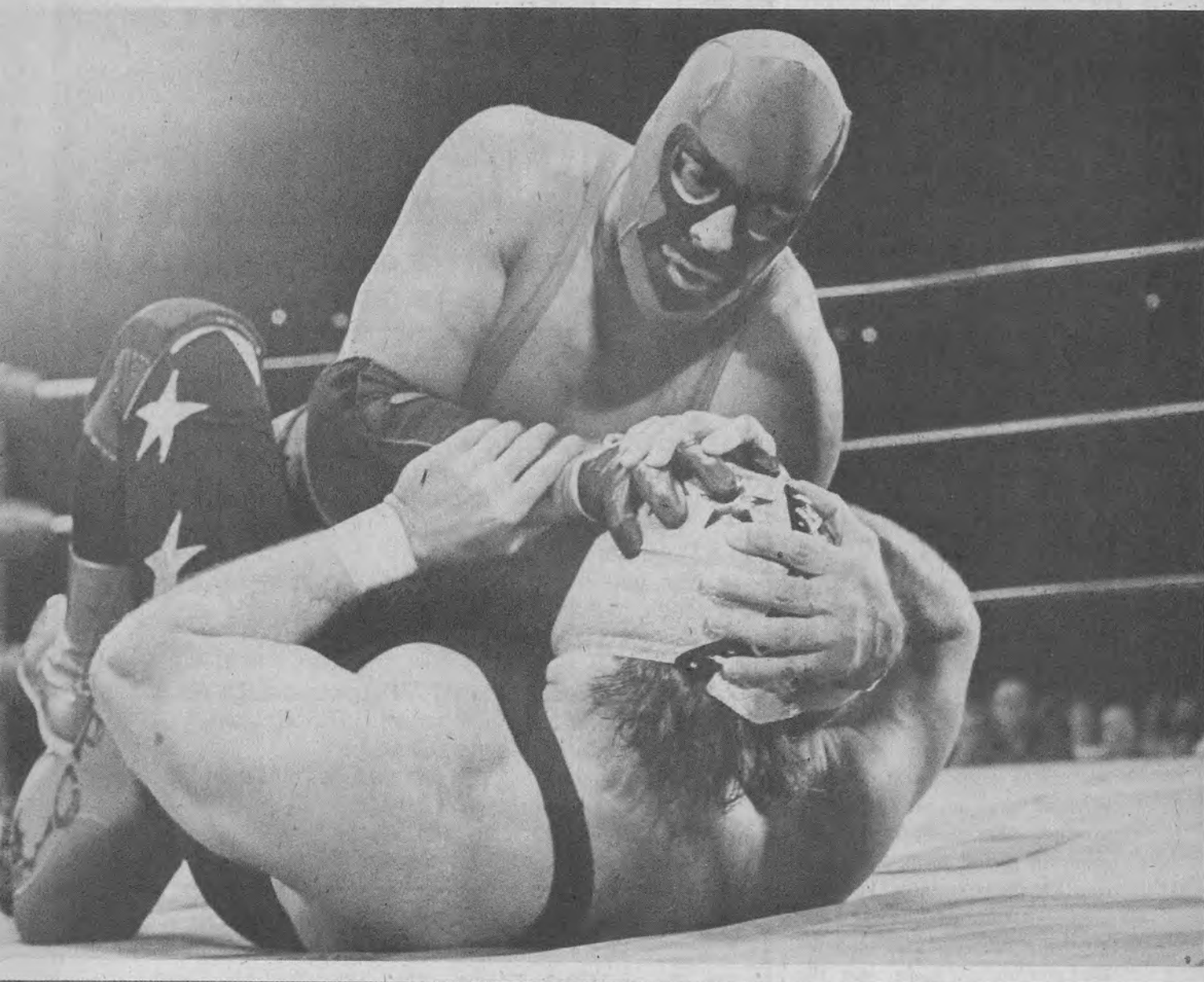
# WHY THE SPOILER'S CLAWHOLD IS THE BEST!



**While there are many men in the sport of wrestling who utilize the clawhold, few use it as frequently and as successfully as The Spoiler. A special analysis of The Spoiler's hand has revealed some of the reasons why his clawhold is so brutally effective!**

*The Spoiler circles around his opponent, waiting for the proper moment to strike. The opponent may think that Spoiler is stalking him, but actually the masked menace is maneuvering himself in such a way as to place his back against the ropes.*

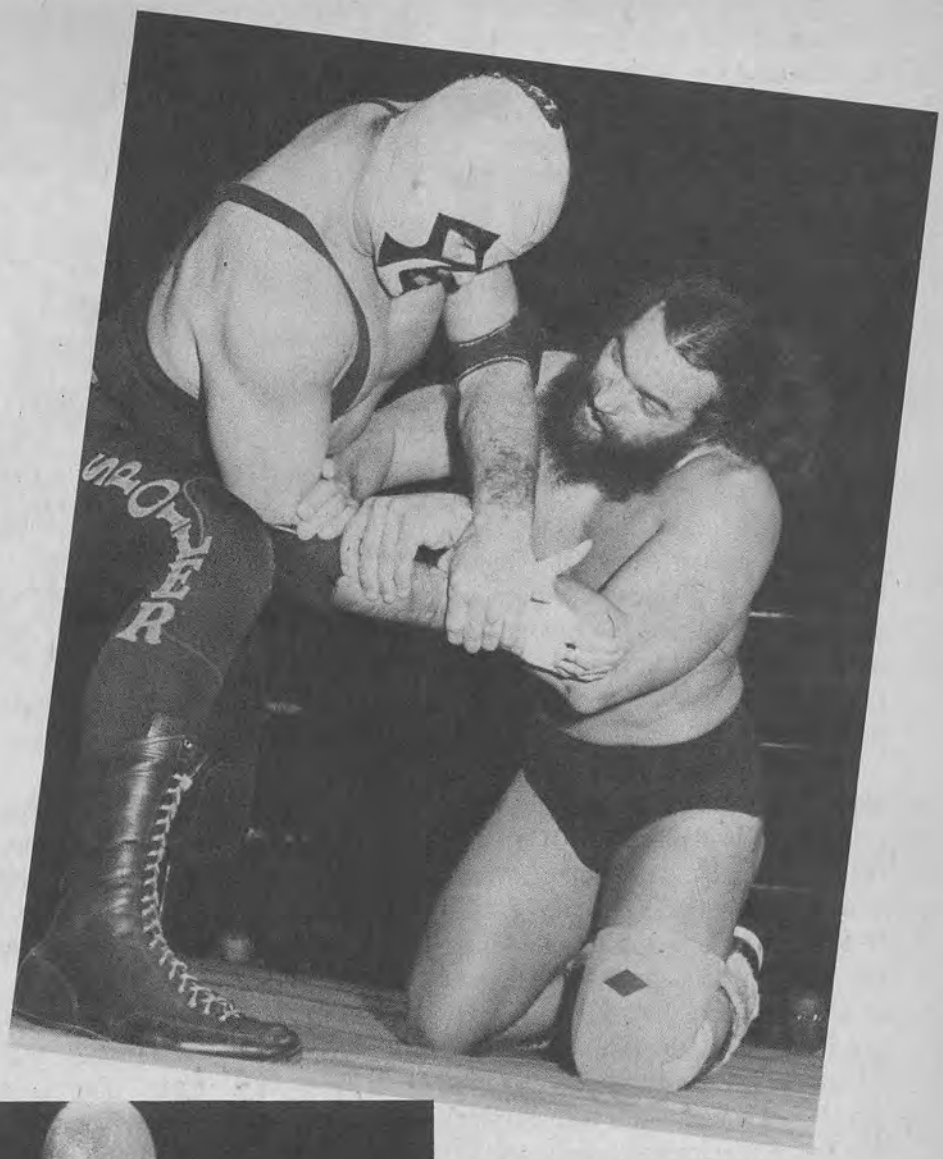
*A master at utilizing the ropes, Spoiler takes a half-step back and places his right heel on the bottom strand. Using the extra leverage allowed by that rope, Spoiler smashes his opponent with a forearm that drops him to the mat.*

*The time has come. Spoiler climbs to the top rope, balancing himself precariously upon that single strand as he waits for his opponent to stagger to his feet. The opponent rises on one shaky knee, then another, then one foot, then...*

*With pantherlike speed, The Spoiler strikes! His gloved right hand clamps down on his opponent's head like a vise. A cry of agony escapes from between the victim's lips, and through the heavy material of his mask, The Spoiler smiles sadistically.*

*Then the agony is amplified tenfold: The Spoiler takes his left hand and places it over his right, reinforcing a horribly painful hold into one of unbearable suffering.*

*The Spoiler's claw has claimed another victim.*



**The Spoiler uses three variations of the claw against three different opponents: Masked Superstar (opposite left), Bruiser Brody (right), and Brad Armstrong (below).**

DURING A RECENT "*Pro Wrestling Illustrated* Press Conference" interview with The Spoiler, conducted by Senior Editor Bill Apter and Associate Editor Craig Peters (aired on Super Station WTBS' *World Championship Wrestling*), Spoiler claimed that the reason his clawhold is the best in the sport is because he uses it on 17 different parts of the body.

*Sports Review Wrestling* recently spoke with Spoiler's current manager, Precious Paul Ellering, to obtain information about Spoiler's claw and verify his incredible claim.

"Absolutely correct," Ellering said. "Indeed, The Spoiler is one of the most versatile claw masters in the history of the sport. What a sensational addition to The Legion of Doom, I might point out."

On which 17 parts of the body does Spoiler use the claw?

"The head, the rotator cuff on the top of the shoulder, the underside of the shoulderblade, the neck, the exterior elbow, the interior elbow, the ribcage, the base of the spine . . . these are only a few of the more obvious areas of the body The Spoiler applies his clawhold," Ellering explained.

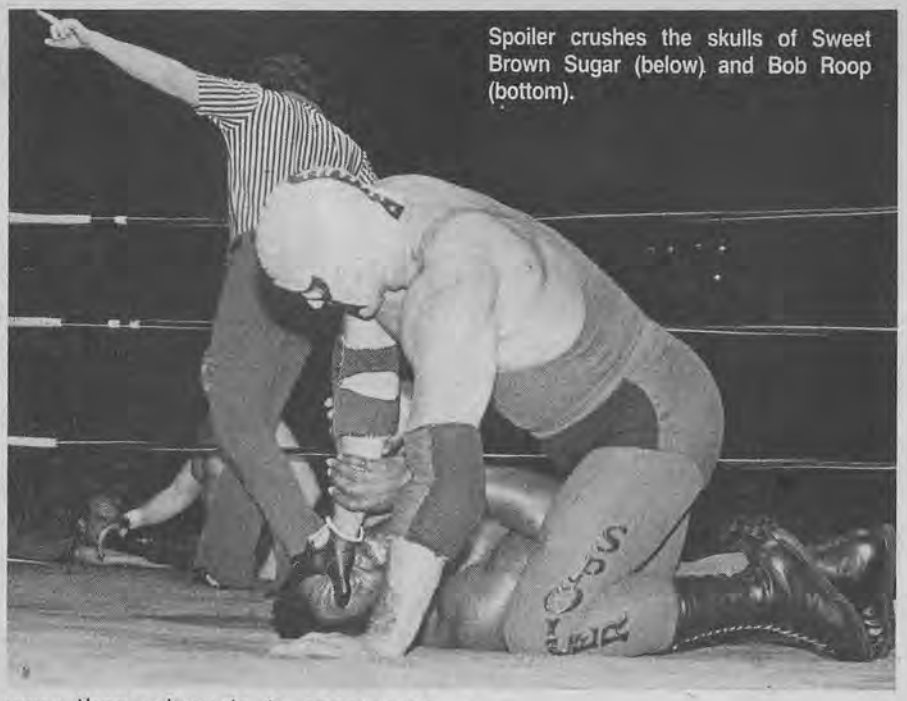
"In fact, I might even go so far as to say that 17 parts of the body is a gross misrepresentation of the facts," Ellering continued. "The Spoiler, you see, is counting the head as one part, and I know for a fact that he can apply a minimum of 23 variations of the clawhold upon the head alone.

"When applying the claw to the hip of an opponent, The Spoiler has the physiological knowledge to enable him to seek out and clamp down upon the sciatic nerve and render his opponent virtually paralytic!"

Ellering laughed in maniacal admiration of the abilities of his sadistic charge. He was clearly anxious to talk more about what makes Spoiler's claw the best.

"Furthermore, The Spoiler's hand is large enough to enable him to apply any variation of the claw on any man, no matter how large the opponent, including that fat slob King Kong Bundy," Ellering continued.

"One must understand that the circumference of the average wrestler's head is between 24 and 27 inches," Ellering said. "The Spoiler's hand, as measured on the open palm from thumb tip to pinky tip, measures 11 inches, which is more than adequate to encompass any human being's head from temple to temple.



Spoiler crushes the skulls of Sweet Brown Sugar (below) and Bob Roop (bottom).

"And when you place an undue amount of pressure upon the temple," Ellering laughed, "well, the victim might as well have gone and had a temporal lobotomy for all the good it will do him!

"But these are merely the physical aspects of The Spoiler that make him the most dangerous master of the claw in the world," Ellering boasted. "In addition there are two factors that should not be overlooked.

"First of all, something I already mentioned earlier, is the fact that The Spoiler has the medical knowledge necessary to be aware of the various pressure points and nerve centers in the body, and an awareness of these things is the first step to having a successfully versatile claw.

"But what really makes The Spoiler the most dangerous man in the world," Ellering said with a cackle, "is his sadistic hunger for victory, his unquenchable thirst for seeing an opponent begging for mercy beneath the wondrous power of his incredible clawhold.

"Indeed," Ellering said with finality, "The Spoiler's claw is a thing of beauty to behold. Just like one of my Road Warriors delivering a clothesline!"

With that, Ellering hung up the phone and effectively concluded the interview.

Nevertheless, one could not shake the feeling of pride in Ellering's voice as he spoke of The Spoiler's claw, pride in more than a job well done. It was the kind of pride that is almost disgusting to witness—pride in something so sadistically destructive as to bring a smile to Ellering's face and another victory to The Legion of Doom.

Pride in another indication that "might makes right," a motto that The Legion of Doom lives by. □

# Freebirds Rule Rock Video:

# THE MAKING OF

# BADSTREET U.S.A.™

***Freebird Michael Hayes has conquered the music world with an enormously popular rock song, "Badstreet U.S.A." Now a video version of that song is, as Hayes says, "threatening to take over the music video world in the same way that The Fabulous Freebirds have taken over the wrestling world!" This is the story of the making of a most unique rock video***

*Photos by Buddy Myers*

**By Craig Peters**

*The words fill the television screen: "I'm gonna tell you all a story about a place you don't wanna be. This ain't no home sweet home, it's a home sweet misery."*

*Then, the opening credits:*

*"Jimmy Papa presents . . .*

*"A rock film/video . . .*

*"Produced by Adrian Cumming . . .*

*"Directed by Dan Bynum . . ."*

*A blood-red scrawl paints the dynamic logo across the screen:*

*"BADSTREET U.S.A."*

*The television screen goes dark, and the soundtrack begins to rumble ominously. A deep bass sound implies the heavy beating of a heart, and a bizarre synthesizer sound layers pained breathing over the heartbeat.*

*In grainy black and white we capture brief glimpses of various images: the moon in a cloudy sky, a woman's scared face, an angry hand clenching a steel chain, several dilapidated houses along a street.*

*But not just any street.*

*This is BADSTREET.*

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"I hadn't watched wrestling in 10 years," says 23-year-old Jimmy Papa, "but one Saturday night when I was flipping the dial, there it was. And there was something about Michael Hayes that caught my eye. He was so flamboyant with that long hair of his."

Papa was to discover that he and Hayes had a mutual friend, and a meeting was set up between the two men. Papa, a Dallas-area native who had already been enjoying success with his sound equipment manufacturing company, Grand Theft, had always been interested in rock. He has been a professional musician since the age of 12.

Hayes, the leader of The Fabulous Freebirds and one of the most dynamic individuals in the sport, had sung with several rock bands in the past.

"I could never take the time for rock 'n' roll that I always wanted to take," Hayes said. "My wrestling schedule always came first, and between my matches in Texas, my tours of Europe and Japan, and everything else, rock just had to take a back seat.

"But Jimmy had the idea of cutting a record right here in Irving, Texas," Hayes continued. "That made things a lot easier for me, because I spend a lot of time in Irving, Dallas, and the immediate area. It was a great idea, so we got together, sat down, and decided to write a song."

It took Papa and Hayes three days to write the lyrics for "Badstreet U.S.A.," and it took Papa and guitarist Larry Velez three more to write the music.

Above: Director Dan Bynum and Freebird Michael Hayes look on as the cameraman shoots a closeup of drummer Jimmy Papa. Below: The punks are ready to take over Badstreet! Bottom: Hayes is rocking and the camera is rolling.

"When we got set to go into the studio," Hayes says, "we had one thing in mind: quality. This had to be a top-notch production all the way."

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*We see glimpses of more faces and houses, again in grainy black and white. We see a chain being twirled from someone's hip. There seems to be potential for gang warfare. Tension is everywhere.*

*On the soundtrack, the heavy breathing and heartbeats have kicked into a heavy metal powerchord, repeated over and over.*

*Another house—and peering out of the window is*

Above right: Hayes' hair is prepared for the camera by a stylist as Freebirds Buddy Roberts and Terry Gordy offer their own styling tips! Right: Jimmy Papa explains the next camera shot to Hayes and guitarist Larry Velez.

*Freebird Michael Hayes. The camera moves from the window to the side door, where we see Hayes strut out of the house and into the street.*

*Closeup on Hayes' face as the powerchord intro leads into the lyrics:*

*"I wanna tell you all a story about a place you don't wanna be . . ."*

*After the first verse, Hayes turns to two punks who are sneaking up behind him. They run like hell for safety—they're no dummies!*

*As the song swings into the anthemic chorus, the effective black and white switches to color and a group shot of the band: Hayes on lead vocals, backed by Larry Velez on lead guitar, Buba Marney on rhythm guitar, Bill Francis on bass, and Jimmy Papa on drums. Background vocals are performed by Terry Gordy and Buddy Roberts.*

*As Hayes sings, his eyes gleam. This Freebird is born to rock 'n' roll!*

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"It was incredible. Absolutely incredible!"

Hayes' enthusiasm for the "Badstreet U.S.A." single is matched only by the enthusiasm of rock radio stations that have been exposed to Freebird Fanta-

sia—heavy metal style!

Almost immediately upon its release, "Badstreet U.S.A." received heavy airplay on KEGL in Dallas, KKTX in Kilgore, Texas, and WKLS in Atlanta.

According to Paraquat Johnson, host of KEGL's "Headbanger's Heaven" heavy metal program, "Badstreet U.S.A." quickly became one of the most requested tunes ever played on the show.

The next step, naturally, was to produce a music video of the song.

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*More glimpses of life on Badstreet: A group of young toughs playing dice, the steely glint of a knife. "Old Lady McDuffy" calls for the cops to come and break up the action . . .*

*"She might as well call the Army, or the United States Marines, 'cause can't nobody handle this BADSTREET scene!"*

*Seconds later, we see 17 punks rallying for attack. Hayes' eyes widen, and he whistles for his Badstreet partners in mayhem; Terry Gordy and Buddy Roberts appear at Hayes' side.*

*The Freebirds are advancing on the punks.*

*The punks are advancing on The Freebirds.*

*All hell is about to break loose.*

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"The first thing we had to do was work out the script of the video," Hayes says. "And of course we had to have a production crew. Dan Bynum was a natural to direct—he's been directing *World Class Championship Wrestling* for years and has done a

**Above: Mark Von Zernecht, one of 17 punks chosen at auditions in Dallas' Zebo's nightclub to appear in *Badstreet U.S.A.* Below: "The street is a-jumpin', tonight there'll be a brawl!"**

superb job. He always manages to make me look almost as good as I really am!

"The next thing we had to do was cast the video," Hayes continued. "The first thing we decided to cast were the 17 punks we would need."

To do that, Hayes, Gordy, Roberts, Papa, and disc jockey Paraquat Johnson, acted as judges in a special contest held to determine who would appear in the video. An open audition was held at Zebo's, a Dallas nightclub, and punkish people from all over Texas turned out for the event.

"It was great," Hayes said. "I felt like a kid in a candy store. There were these terrific looking people all over the place, and all I had to do was pick 17 of them for the video. Ha! All I had to do! I could have picked them all if I had the chance! Unfortunately, we were limited to only 17 punks for the video."

Further casting was completed (with Gorgeous Jimmy Garvin appearing in the video as an ambulance attendant) and taping was scheduled to take place the next day.

Taping of "Badstreet U.S.A." occurred in two places: The band sequences were shot in a music studio called The Studios in Los Colinas, Texas, and the rest of the video was shot on a backstreet in East Dallas, Texas.

"Twenty hours straight," says director Dan Bynum, "it was a marathon. And it took three weeks of editing to put it all together."

**Gorgeous Jimmy Garvin, portraying an ambulance attendant, looks down on a fallen punk, a victim of the hotter-than-hot, nastier-than-nasty life on Badstreet.**

The final cost of the "Badstreet U.S.A." video was about $30,000.

"Hey, brother, don't forget the Tom Lundberg family," Hayes said. "They financed the entire production, and we owe them everything. They've been great about 'Badstreet,' and they've showed us unbelievable support. And with the help of Tom Lundberg, The Fabulous Freebirds are gonna take over rock video the same way we took over the wrestling world!"

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*Shots of the band are soon replaced by Hayes, Gordy, and Roberts strutting down the aisle toward the wrestling ring. Fans are screaming wildly.*

*Hayes rises to the ring apron, his knees appearing to wave in time to the "Badstreet" guitar riffs on the soundtrack. He catapults over the ropes and, almost magically, his street clothes transform—in midair!—to*

*(Continued on page 64)*

## *BADSTREET U.S.A.*

I'm gonna tell you all a story about a place you don't wanna be.
This ain't no home sweet home, it's a home sweet misery.
We knew when we got here they'd try to put us away,
But when they seen us walk down the street they ran the other way.

**CHORUS:**
*BADSTREET*, Atlanta, G.A.
The baddest street in the whole U.S.A.
*BADSTREET*, nasty and hot!
The further down the block you went
The badder it got!

The street is a-jumpin', tonight there'll be a brawl.
Old lady McDuffy, she done gave the cops a call.
She might as well call the Army, or the United States Marines,
'Cause can't nobody handle this *BADSTREET* scene!

**REPEAT CHORUS**

Seventeen punks came a-calling, and they thought that they were hot.
They thought that they were nasty, and could make it down our block.
But I'll never forget a-hearing that ambulance driver say,
"Someone should have told those boys about *BADSTREET U.S.A.*"

So don't you come a-lookin' on this side of town,
'Cause this is where The Freebirds live, and everything's going down.
If you don't know by now, we always get our way,
Because that's the way it is down here on *BADSTREET U.S.A.*

**REPEAT CHORUS**

LYRICS: Michael Hayes and Jimmy Papa
MUSIC: Larry Velez and Jimmy Papa
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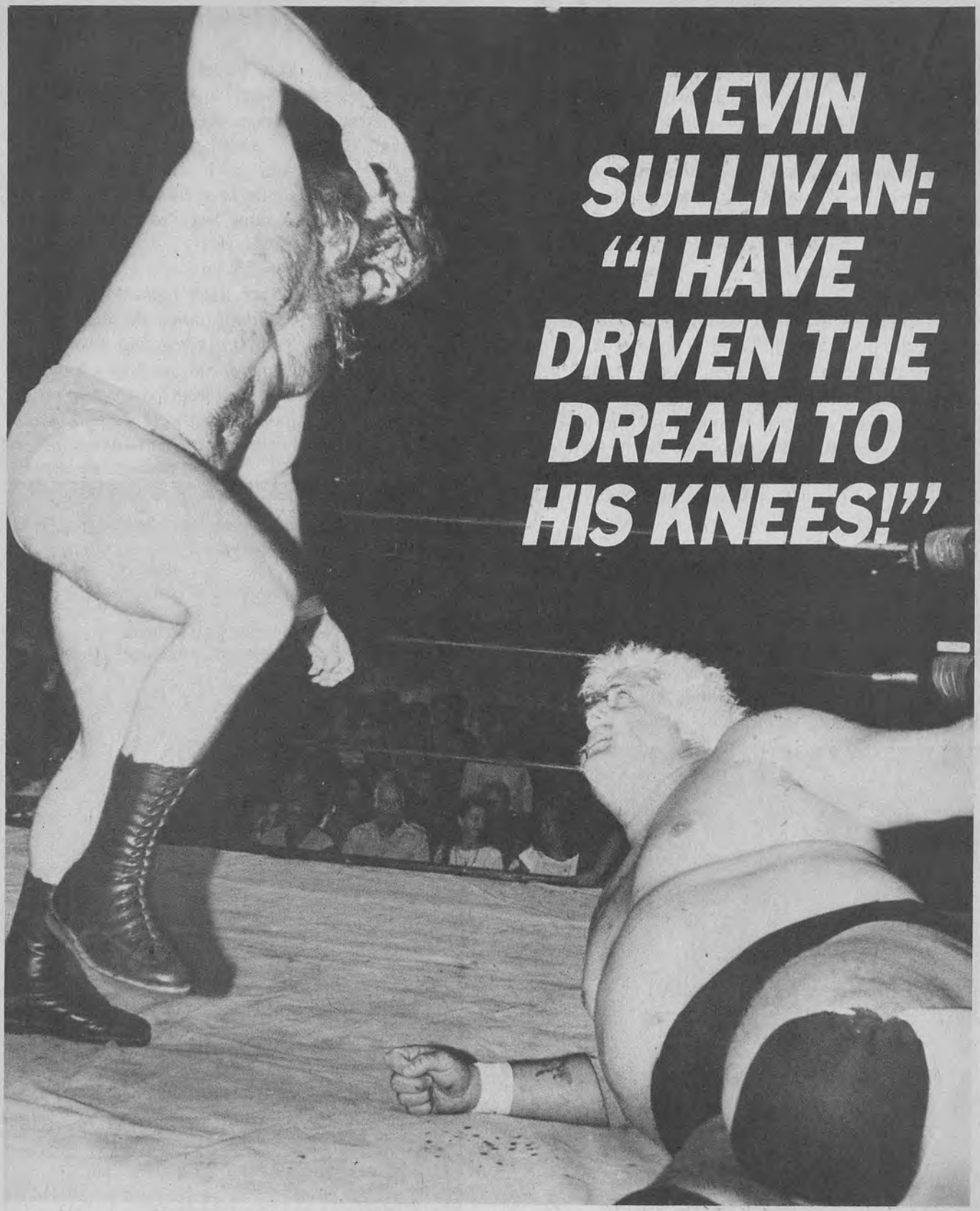
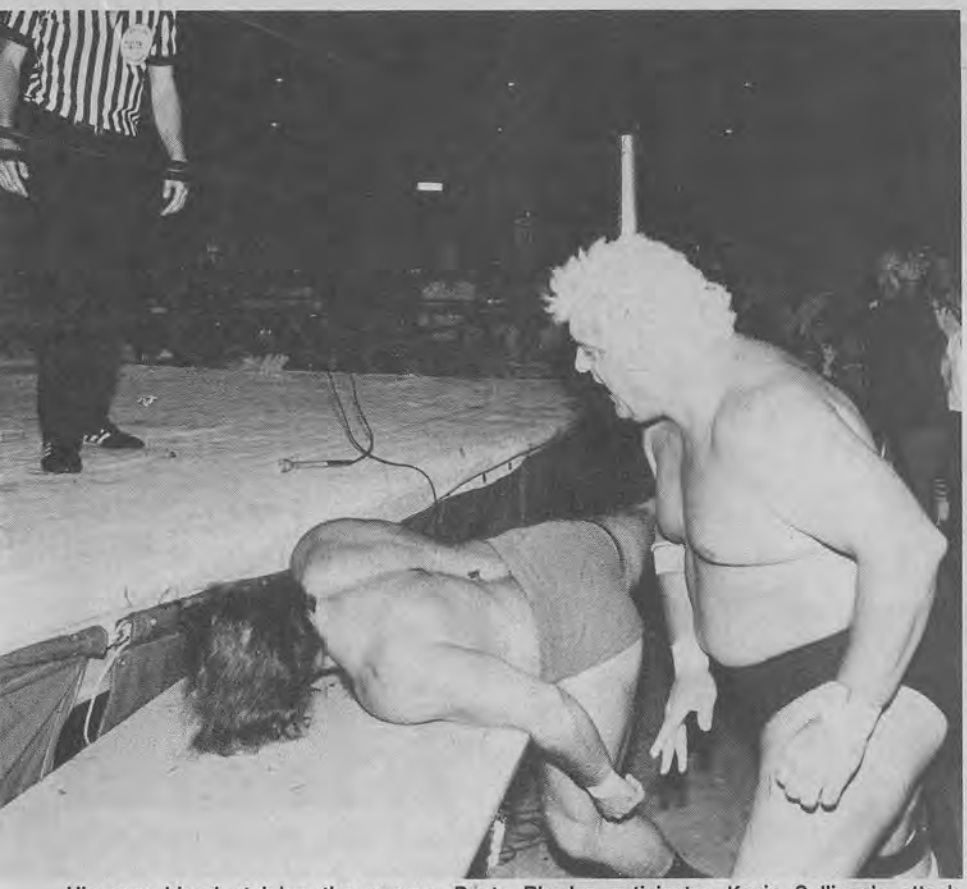


# KEVIN SULLIVAN: "I HAVE DRIVEN THE DREAM TO HIS KNEES!"

***The battle between Dusty Rhodes and Kevin Sullivan has gone on for nearly two years. There have been times when Sullivan has claimed victory, and times when Rhodes was certain Sullivan was eliminated from wrestling forever. Now The Prince of Darkness is claiming the greatest victory yet in his battle against The American Dream!***

*Photos by Duane Long*



His own blood staining the canvas, Dusty Rhodes anticipates Kevin Sullivan's attack (opposite left). Dusty slams Sullivan's head into the officials' table (above). The Prince of Darkness grabs Rhodes' hair and chops at his ear (below).

KEVIN SULLIVAN SAT in front of the mirror in his dressing room. His bearded face was clean, but two tins of makeup, one white and one black, lay on the table in front of him. His face would not be clean for very much longer.

"Every mark I make upon my face is significant of a particular facet of my personal beliefs," Sullivan said as he dipped the index finger of his right hand into the tin of white makeup.

Black gloves with the fingertips cut away covered both of Sullivan's hands. On his right wrist was a three-inch-wide black leather band studded with steel spikes. On his right forearm was a black leather covering that stretched from his wrist to just beneath his elbow, also studded with steel spikes.

Around Sullivan's neck hung a necklace of 13 small bones.

Smearing the white makeup across his forehead and cheeks, Sullivan said, "White is the color of light, the killer of night. It is symbolic of the antithesis of all I stand for. Yet it is a part of me, just as suffering is a part of happiness. A necessary antithesis. A piece of my being, a slice of my soul. It is a representation of all that foolish bearers of false hopes and dreams—men like Dusty Rhodes—stand for."

The 13 bones rattled about Sullivan's neck like some demonic set of wind chimes blowing in the fiery hot breezes of hell. They offered a satanic soundtrack to the words that Sullivan spoke in what was very nearly a monotonic chant.

Rather than wiping the excess white makeup away with a handkerchief, Sullivan licked the fingers of his right hand clean with his tongue. Then he spit on the floor.

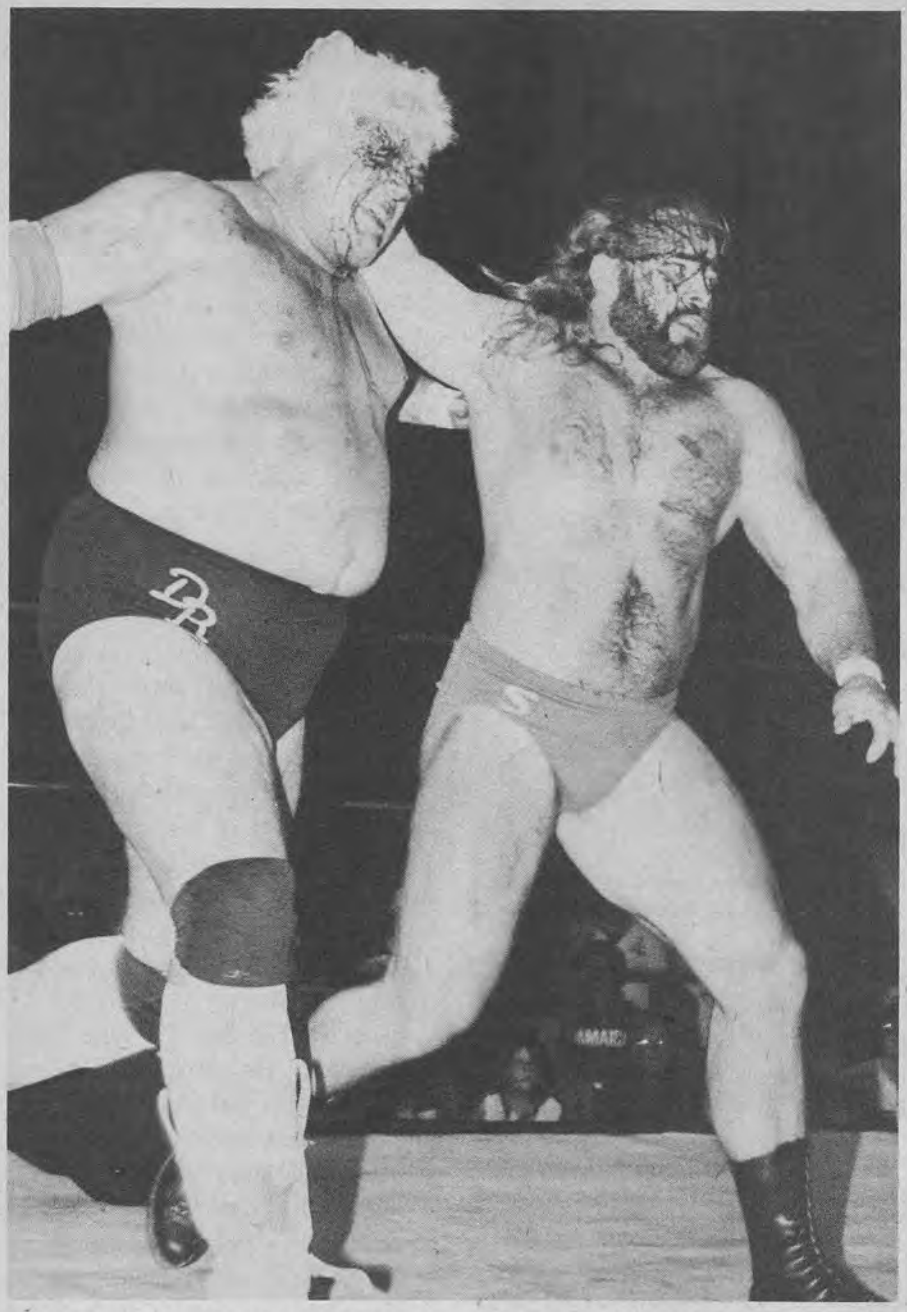
"The ultimate fate for false hopes and dreams," he sneered as he pushed the tin of white makeup aside and addressed himself to the container filled with inky blackness.

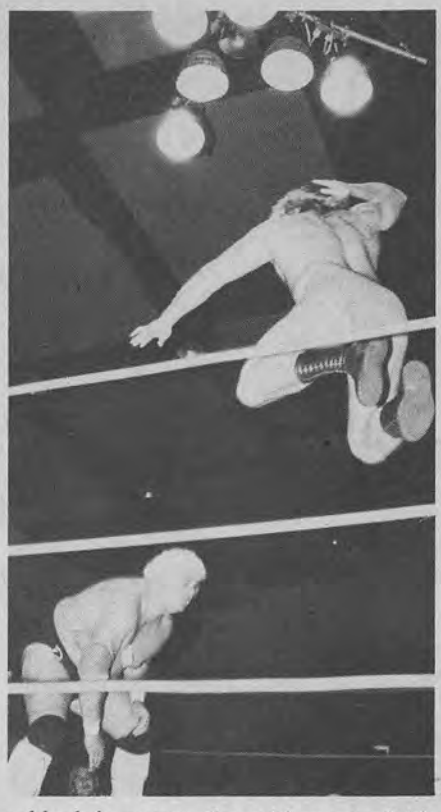
Sullivan used his left hand this time, scooping out a portion of the greasy black substance with his third finger.

"If one was to draw a line between the left and the right temple," Sullivan explained as he vigorously rubbed the blackness into each side of his head, "and another line between the back of the head and the spot directly between the eyes, the intersection of that line is the location of the pineal gland.

"The pineal gland is a doorway to the astral energy that suffuses the corporeal self," Sullivan explained. "There is a cord of energy that runs from the pineal gland down the length of the spine. I am now symbolizing the infusion of the power of darkness with the energy of my total self."

Finished with his temples, Sullivan dipped his finger into the blackness once again and drew a pentagram





**Blood flowing into his eyes, The Dream is unable to see where Sullivan is sending him (above). Kevin springs from the turnbuckle, but the alert Rhodes will turn his shoulder in time to protect himself (top right).**

within a circle on his forehead.

"The sign of the devil," Sullivan said matter-of-factly. "My master, my self. The source of victory. My source of energy. The prince of darkness. My prince of darkness. We are and I am. *Manet alta mente repostum, magnus annus 1984, macula Rhodes, magnus Sullivan.*"

Sullivan's eyes rolled up in his head as he chanted in Latin, tracing and retracing the figure of the pentagram as he did so.

"Dusty Rhodes is the dream, but the dream can never become a reality," Sullivan said ominously. "All wars are composed of battles, and all battles are composed of further smaller discrete elements. I have driven the dream to his knees, never to arise again. He cannot avoid the power of The Prince of Darkness, nor can he avoid the call to victory destined by the inevitability of the dark side!"

Sullivan shot to his feet and screamed, *"Necessitas non habet legem*—necessity has no law! I am the law! Darkness overcomes light and leads to victory!"

With these words, Sullivan brought his hands to his temples, took some of the black makeup that was there, and rubbed it across the whiteness of his cheeks.

"Darkness obliterates light! The Prince of Darkness obliterates the American Dream! The dream is on his knees, and all that remains is to finish the task!"

In a most bizarre manifestation of a most bizarre personality, Sullivan sat down, became placidly calm, and spoke about his match to come that night like any normal wrestler would.

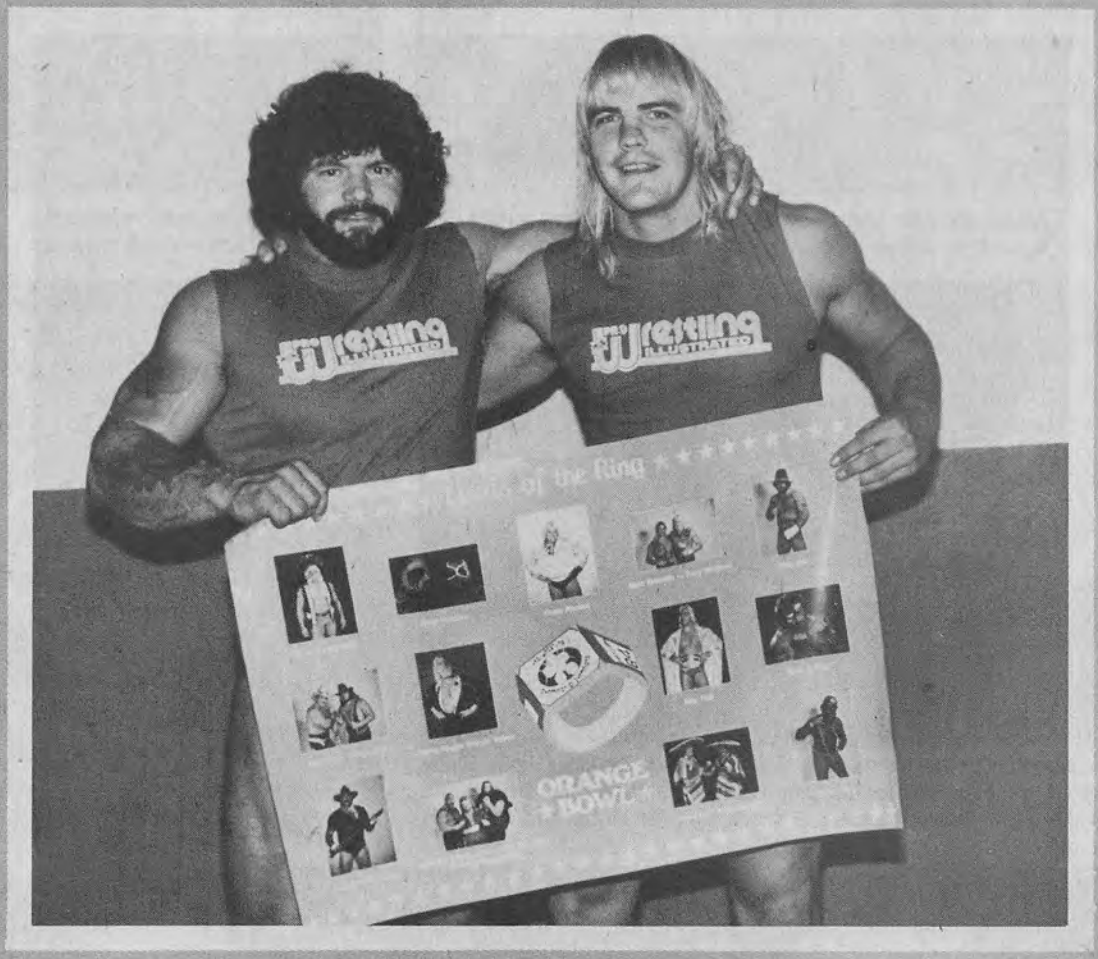
"I'm not wrestling Dusty Rhodes tonight, but that doesn't matter," Sullivan said. "I have wrestled him in the past and have proven my superiority. And although Dusty is avoiding me, refusing to sign contracts to wrestle me, he can sidestep me for only so long."

A knock on the door signaled that it was time for Sullivan to wrestle. He stood up again and walked out of the dressing room toward the ring, the 13 bones around his neck making an ominous clattering noise with each step.

"The fans will mandate the match," Sullivan said as he left, "or the Florida officials and commisioners will mandate the match. Sooner or later, though, the match *will* take place, and the final blow—*my* final blow—will be struck." □

# A Historic Night Of Wrestling In The Orange Bowl:

# ALL HAIL THE LORDS OF THE RING




*THE ORANGE BOWL in Miami has been the site of some of the most spectacular sporting events of all time. But never has it acted as host to a more spectacular event than the "Lords of the Ring" extravaganza on June 30.*

*The greatest stars in professional wrestling were on hand: NWA World champion Ric Flair, "The American Dream" Dusty Rhodes, Southern heavyweight champion Angelo Mosca, Florida heavyweight champion Superstar Graham, U.S. tag team champions Mike Rotundo and Barry Windham, The Road Warriors, Billy Jack, Kevin Sullivan, Dick Slater, Jimmy Valiant, Junkyard Dog, One Man Gang, Wahoo McDaniel, Ron Bass, Blackjack Mulligan, Jerry Lawler . . . and so many more!*

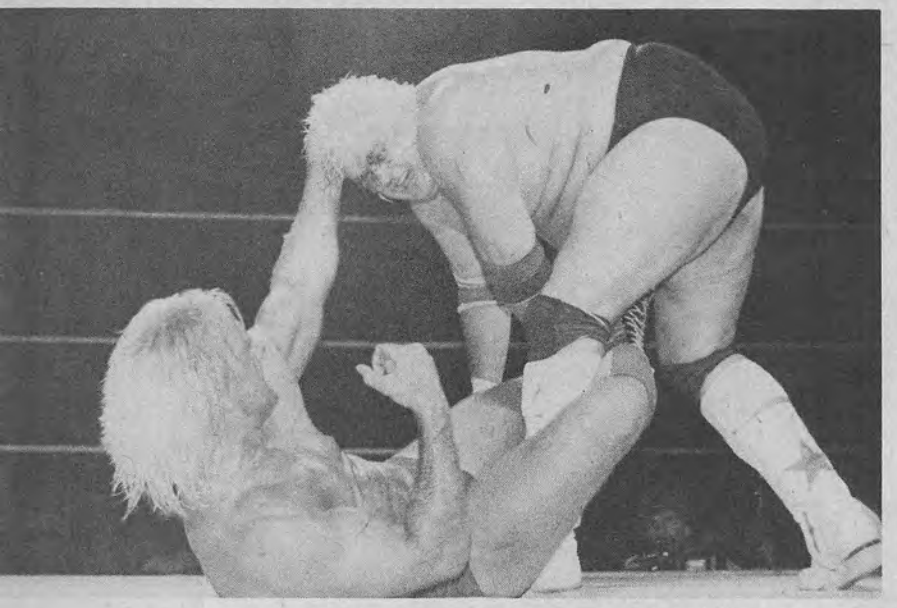
*One of Florida's most heated feuds came to a head as Billy Jack and Superstar Graham clashed in a $50,000 full-nelson challenge match. Rotundo and Windham risked their U.S. tag team belts against The Road Warriors.*

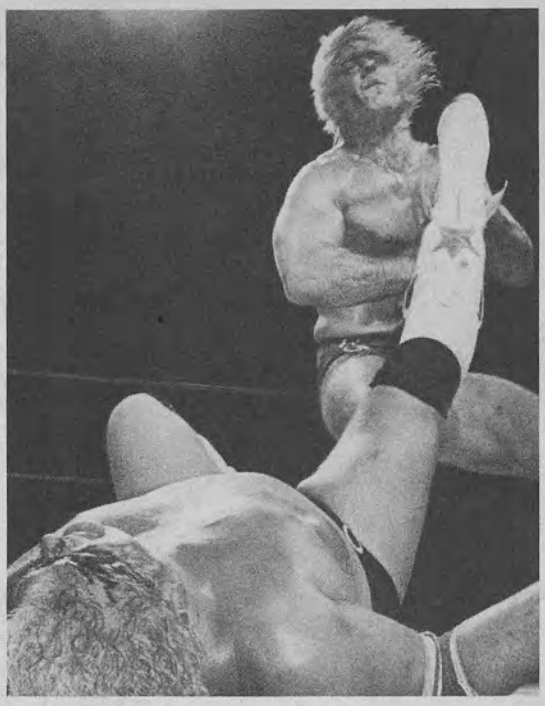
*But the main event of the day saw "The American Dream" Dusty Rhodes battling NWA World champion Ric Flair. The World title was not up in this match, but the winner would receive $100,000 and a special "Champion of Champions" gold ring valued at $25,000, made especially for this occasion.*

*It was an incredible day of wrestling action in The Orange Bowl, and* Sports Review Wrestling *is proud to be able to provide you with this ringside seat to all the blow-by-blow action. Enjoy.*

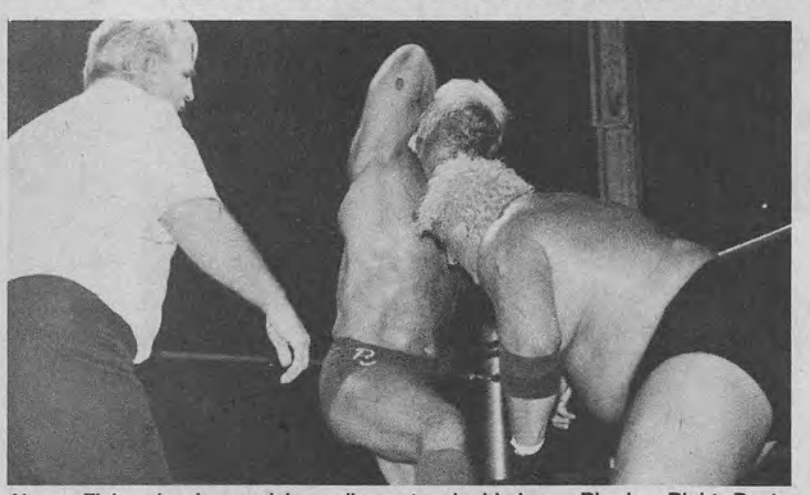
*Photos by Bill Apter*

# DUSTY RHODES DEFEATS RIC FLAIR





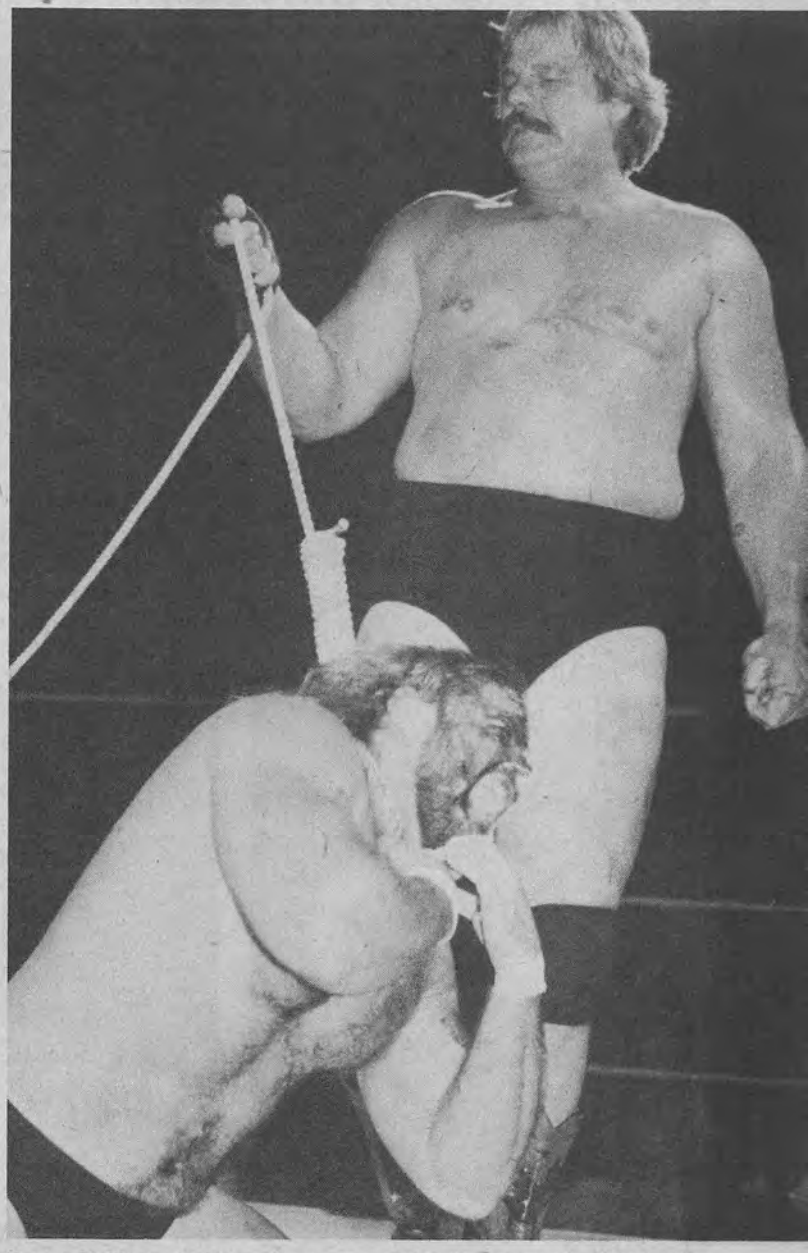
Above left: Flair grabs Rhodes by the hair and fires a right hand, preventing Dusty from completing the figure-four. Above right: When Flair attempts to apply the hold, Dusty kicks him back with his right leg.



Above: Flair unleashes a vicious elbow at a doubled-over Rhodes. Right: Dusty was disqualified in the first fall for dumping Flair over the top rope. Below: The windup and the pitch—Dusty Rhodes will knock Flair flat on his back with this tremendous right.

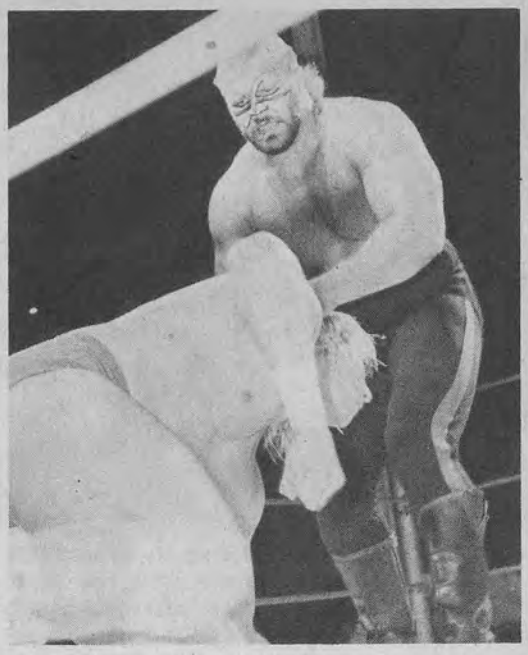
# BLACKJACK MULLIGAN DEFEATS KEVIN SULLIVAN

In this match, dubbed "Final Chapter—Walking Tall," the first wrestler to grab the noose atop a poll in one corner would be allowed to use it. Above: Mulligan backs Sullivan into a corner. Below: Kevin drives Blackjack to his knees.

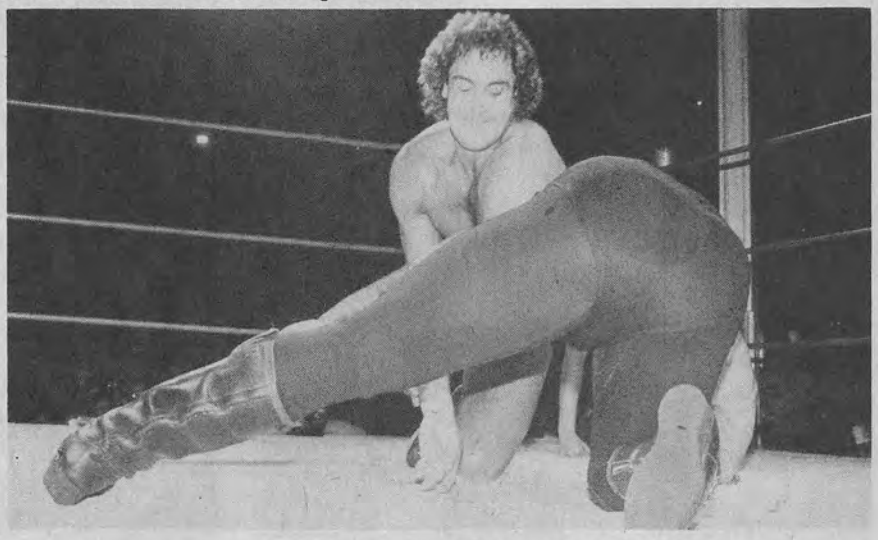


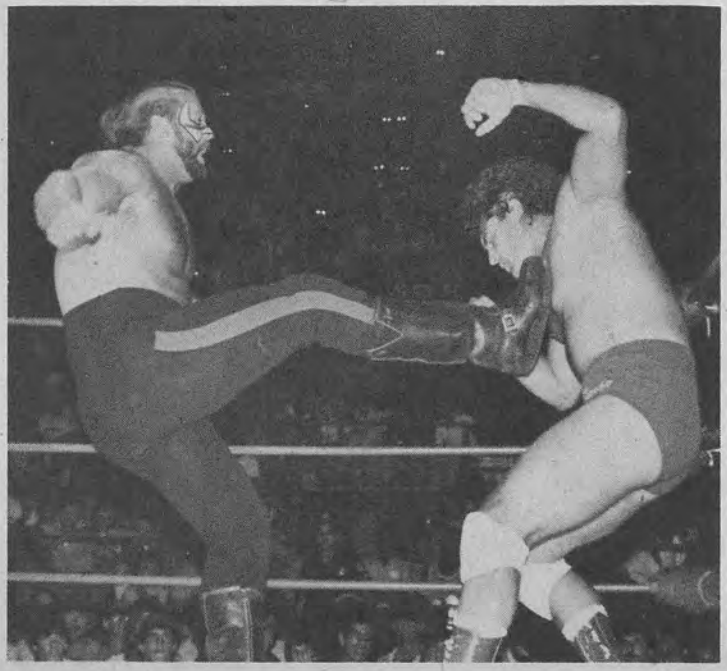
Above: Mulligan retrieves the noose and puts it to use. Below left: Angelo Mosca, swinging a chain, rushes to Sullivan's aid. Below right: Blackjack Mulligan, the blood-soaked winner.

# MIKE ROTUNDO & BARRY WINDHAM DEFEAT THE ROAD WARRIORS

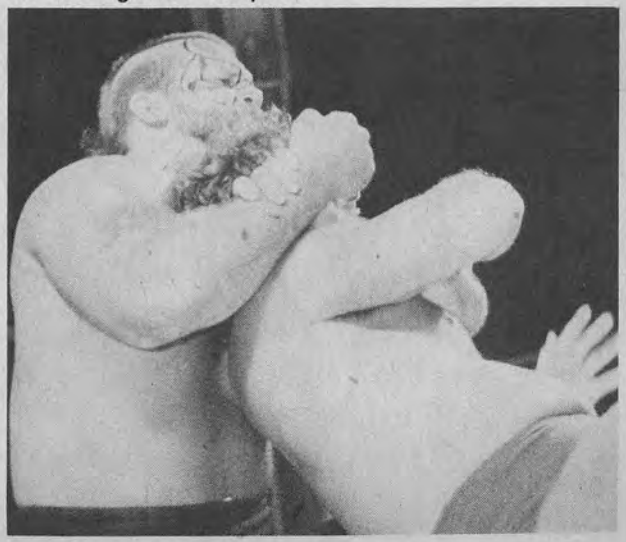


Above left: Warrior Hawk clamps Rotundo's arm. Above right: Warrior Animal drops Windham to the mat. Left: Hawk holds Rotundo in a hammerlock. Below: Rotundo is able to establish an offensive against Animal.

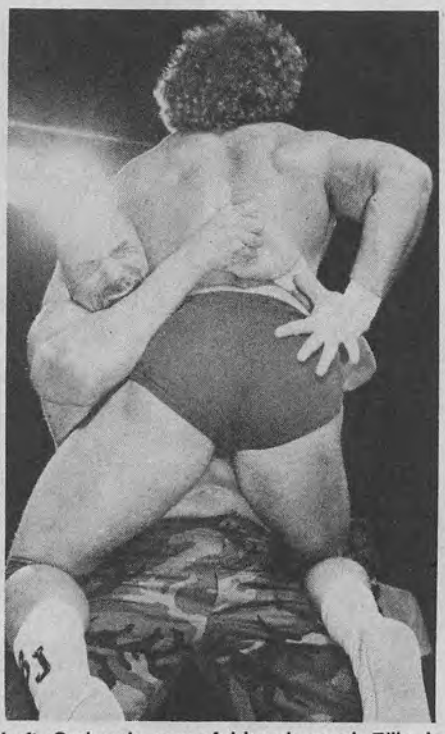




Left: Animal's powerful right leg drives Rotundo into the turnbuckles. Below: Animal applies tremendous pressure on Mike's head. Later, when Hawk illegally broke up Windham's pin attempt against Animal, the referee awarded the match to the U.S. tag team champions.

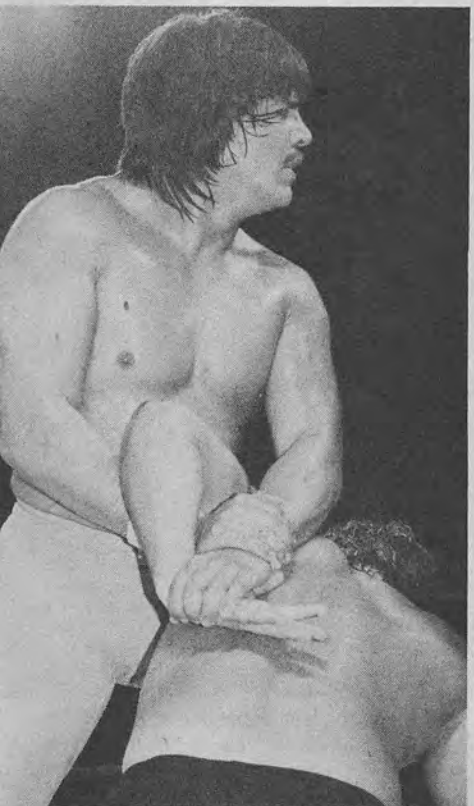


## BILLY JACK DEFEATS SUPERSTAR GRAHAM



Left: Graham's powerful hands crush Billy Jack's jaw. Above left: The Superstar clamps on the bearhug. Above right: Though Graham's Florida title was not at stake, there was much pride—plus $50,000—at stake in this battle of full-nelsons. Former champion Billy Jack takes the victory.

## HECTOR GUERRERO DEFEATS DENNY BROWN



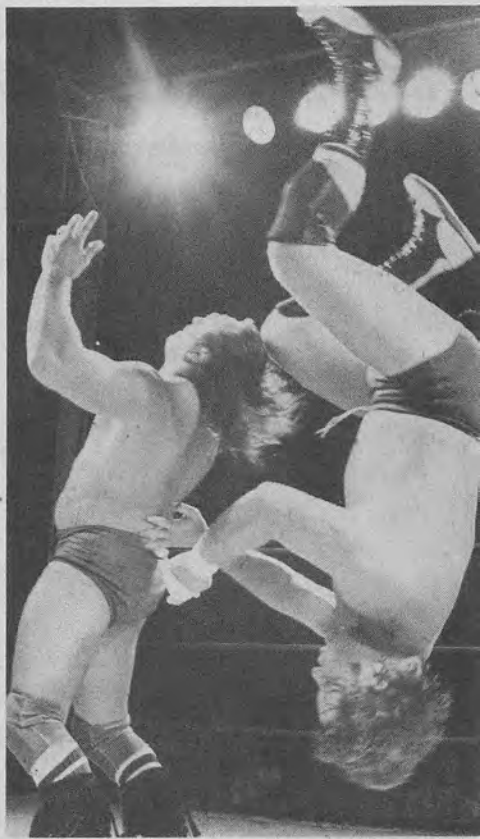
Far left: Guerrero, defending his Florida junior heavyweight title, applies a hammerlock. Left: A Guerrero headlock. Above: Brown rolls the champion to the mat. Below: A superb, but losing, effort by Brown.

## JIMMY VALIANT, JUNKYARD DOG, & WAHOO McDANIEL DEFEAT ANGELO MOSCA, RON BASS, & BLACK BART

Above: McDaniel chops at Mosca, who is in no position to defend himself. Top right: Wahoo sets up Black Bart for Junkyard Dog. Right: Bass fearfully eyes Valiant's descending arm.

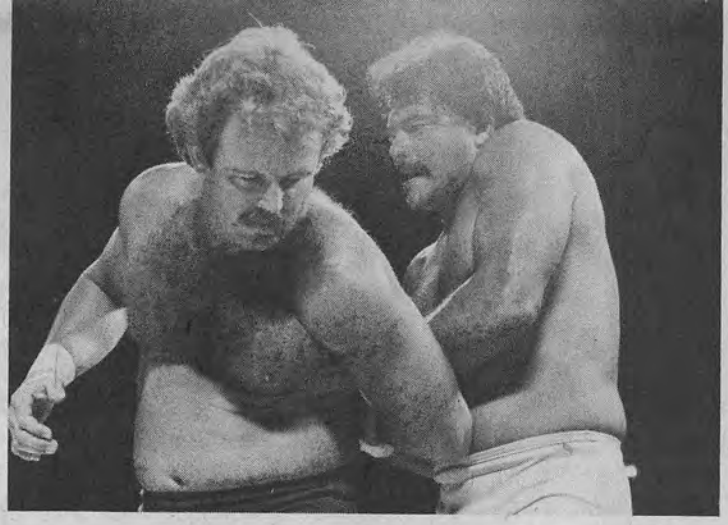
## DICK SLATER DEFEATS JOE LIGHTFOOT

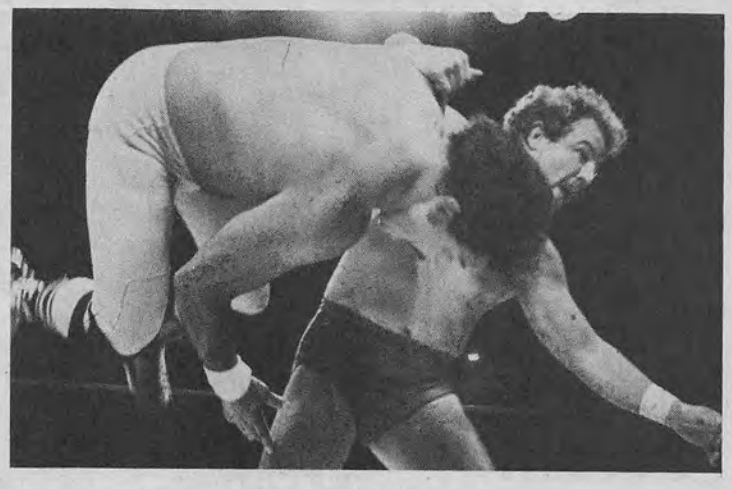
Left: Slater immobolizes Lightfoot with a headlock. Above: Lightfoot bends back Slater's wrist.



Left: Lightfoot lifts Slater for a giant slam. Above: Soon after being backdropped, Slater would elbow Lightfoot in the throat and take the victory.

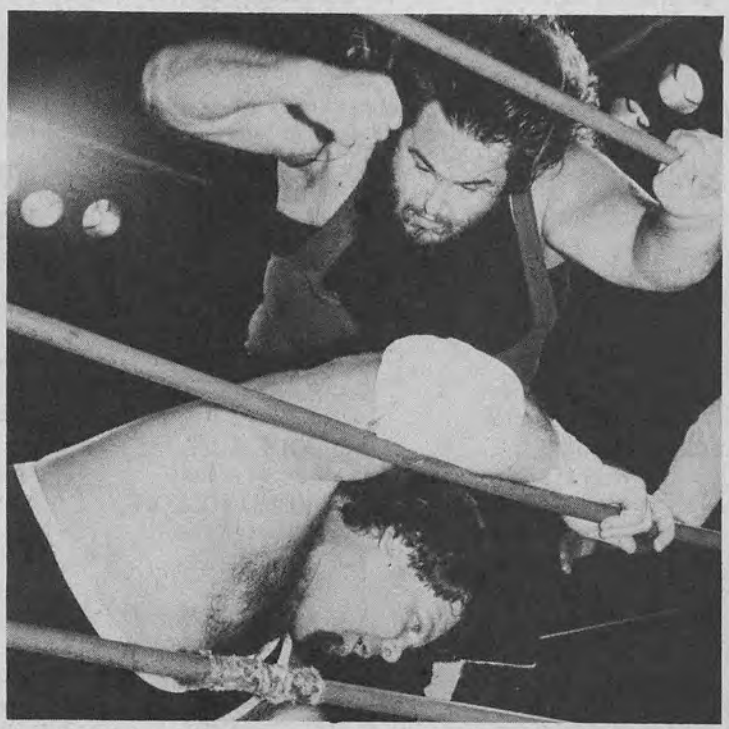
## MIKE GRAHAM DEFEATS CHAVO GUERRERO





Above: Graham has Guerrero in agony as he twists his foot. Top right: Chavo maneuvers Graham into a hammerlock. Right: Graham tosses Guerrero en route to gaining the win and an additional $5,000.

## JERRY LAWLER DEFEATS ONE MAN GANG



Top left: Lawler knew that he could stay out of trouble if he could keep One Man Gang on the mat. Left: OMG bodyslams "The King." Above: One Man Gang drives his knee into Lawler's back. OMG would later receive assistance from Sir Oliver Humperdink, and he would turn on his manager upon being disqualified.

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# WRESTLIN

***Ratings are based on won-lost records for the past month, quality of opposition, and the inherent skill of each wrestler. These ratings are compiled by the editors and are universally recognized as official.***

*Rick Martel*

*Kerry Von Erich*

*Tully Blanchard*

## TOP10

**1—RIC FLAIR**
*243, Minneapolis, MN*

**2—ANDRE THE GIANT**
*497, Grenoble, France*

**3—RICK MARTEL**
*236, Quebec City, Quebec*

**4—HULK HOGAN**
*320, Venice Beach, CA*

**5—HARLEY RACE**
*253, Kansas City, MO*

**6—DUSTY RHODES**
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**7—KERRY VON ERICH**
*251, Denton, TX*

**8—WAHOO McDANIEL**
*260, Midland, TX*

**9—TULLY BLANCHARD**
*235, San Antonio, TX*

**10—CARLOS COLON**
*238, Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico*

## TAG TEAMS

**1—IVAN KOLOFF & DON KERNODLE**
***NWA World tag team champions***
Combined weight: 485 pounds

**2—BARON VON RASCHKE & CRUSHER**
***AWA World tag team champions***
Combined weight: 539 pounds

**3—THE ROAD WARRIORS**
***Top contenders for AWA World tag team title***
Combined weight: 567 pounds

**4—DICK MURDOCH & ADRIAN ADONIS**
***WWF tag team champions***
Combined weight: 521 pounds

**5—BARRY WINDHAM & MIKE ROTUNDO**
***U.S. tag team champions***
Combined weight: 475 pounds

**6—ICEMAN PARSONS & BUCK ZUMHOFE**
***World Class American tag team champions***
Combined weight: 464 pounds

**7—STEVE KEIRN & STAN LANE**
***Top contenders for AWA World tag team title***
Combined weight: 479 pounds

**8—RONNIE GARVIN & JERRY OATES**
***National tag team champions***
Combined weight: 478 pounds

**9—DENNIS CONDREY & BOBBY EATON**
***Mid-South tag team champions***
Combined weight: 483 pounds

**10—MID-SOUTHERN SPOILER & PHIL HICKERSON**
***Mid-Southern tag team champions***
Combined weight: 487 pounds

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## MOST POPULAR

**1—ANDRE THE GIANT**
*497, Grenoble, France*

**2—DUSTY RHODES**
*302, Austin, TX*

**3—JIMMY VALIANT**
*251, New York, NY*

**4—HULK HOGAN**
*320, Venice Beach, CA*

**5—RICK MARTEL**
*236, Quebec City, Quebec*

**6—KERRY VON ERICH**
*251, Denton, TX*

**7—SGT. SLAUGHTER**
*310, Parris Island, SC*

**8—BILLY JACK**
*245, Portland, OR*

**9—RICK STEAMBOAT**
*238, Honolulu, HI*

**10—JUNKYARD DOG**
*260, New Orleans, LA*

## MOST HATED

**1—TULLY BLANCHARD**
*235, San Antonio, TX*

**2—TED DiBIASE**
*247, Omaha, NE*

**3—KEVIN SULLIVAN**
*235, Boston, MA*

**4—ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER**
*360, Sudan*

**5—IVAN KOLOFF**
*249, Moscow, Russia*

**6—NIKOLAI VOLKOFF**
*345, Siberia, Russia*

**7—RODDY PIPER**
*231, Scotland*

**8—ANGELO MOSCA**
*309, Caledou, Ontario*

**9—JIM GARVIN**
*235, Tampa, FL*

**10—BUTCH REED**
*249, Kansas City, MO*

## NWA

***World Champion:***
**RIC FLAIR**
*243, Minneapolis, MN*

**1—WAHOO McDANIEL**
*260, Midland, TX*

**2—THE SPOILER**
*266, parts unknown*

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**7—SUPERSTAR GRAHAM**
*260, Paradise Valley, AZ*

**8—CARLOS COLON**
*238, Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico*

**9—GINO HERNANDEZ**
*224, Houston, TX*

**10—RICK STEAMBOAT**
*238, Honolulu, HI*

## AWA

***World Champion:***
**RICK MARTEL**
*236, Quebec City, Quebec*

**1—NICK BOCKWINKEL**
*245, Beverly Hills, CA*

**2—ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER**
*360, Sudan*

**3—BLACKJACK LANZA**
*260, Laredo, TX*

**4—BRUISER BRODY**
*284, Albuquerque, NM*

**5—JUMBO TSURUTA**
*240, Tokyo, Japan*

**6—JERRY LAWLER**
*234, Memphis, TN*

**7—LARRY ZBYSZKO**
*240, Pittsburgh, PA*

**8—BILLY ROBINSON**
*246, Manchester, England*

**9—BRAD RHEINGANS**
*248, Appleton, MN*

**10—TONY ATLAS**
*247, Roanoke, VA*

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# G RATINGS

For period ended July 13, 1984

***Below are the ratings for the top regional wrestling areas of the country. These ratings are based on nationwide surveys of wrestlers, promoters, and reporters.***

## WWF

*Champion:*
**HULK HOGAN**
*320, Venice Beach, CA*

1—**TITO SANTANA**
*245, Mission, TX*
2—**GREG VALENTINE**
*243, Seattle, WA*
3—**JIMMY SNUKA**
*250, Fiji Islands*
4—**SGT. SLAUGHTER**
*310, Parris Island, SC*
5—**BOB BACKLUND**
*242, Princeton, MN*
6—**COWBOY BOB ORTON**
*245, Kansas City, KS*
7—**PAUL ORNDORFF**
*253, Brandon, FL*
8—**THE IRON SHEIK**
*262, Teheran, Iran*
9—**DAVID SHULTZ**
*265, Memphis, TN*
10—**RODDY PIPER**
*231, Scotland*

## GEORGIA

1—**THE SPOILER**
*266, parts unknown*
2—**RONNIE GARVIN**
*231, Montreal, Quebec*
3—**TED DiBIASE**
*247, Omaha, NE*
4—**BRAD ARMSTRONG**
*223, Marietta, GA*
5—**JAKE ROBERTS**
*243, Baton Rouge, LA*
6—**BILLY JACK**
*245, Portland, OR*
7—**NIKOLAI VOLKOFF**
*345, Siberia, Russia*
8—**KRUSHER KHRUSHCHEV**
*303, Thief River Falls, MN*
9—**TIM HORNER**
*235, Morristown, TN*
10—**JERRY OATES**
*247, Columbus, GA*

## WORLD CLASS

1—**GINO HERNANDEZ**
*224, Houston, TX*
2—**JIM GARVIN**
*235, Tampa, FL*
3—**KERRY VON ERICH**
*251, Denton, TX*
4—**CHRIS ADAMS**
*225, Stratford on Avon, England*
5—**KEVIN VON ERICH**
*254, Denton, TX*
6—**TERRY GORDY**
*289, Chattanooga, TN*
7—**THE MISSING LINK**
*273, parts unknown*
8—**MIKE VON ERICH**
*220, Denton, TX*
9—**KILLER KHAN**
*312, Mongolia*
10—**BUTCH REED**
*249, Kansas City, MO*

## MID-ATLANTIC

1—**WAHOO McDANIEL**
*260, Midland, TX*
2—**ANGELO MOSCA JR.**
*234, Caledou, Ontario*
3—**TULLY BLANCHARD**
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*230, Amarillo, TX*
8—**BUZZ SAWYER**
*240, St. Petersburg, FL*
9—**THE MASKED OUTLAW**
*244, parts unknown*
10—**EXOTIC ADRIAN STREET**
*220, South Wales*

## FLORIDA

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*230, Sweetwater, TX*
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9—**KEVIN SULLIVAN**
*235, Boston, MA*
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*260, New Orleans, LA*
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**Every month, this column will tell fans how we go about rating more than 150 wrestlers in 14 different categories. It is a behind-the-scenes look at the most important—and respected—ratings system in the sport. This column is vital reading for all wrestling fans.**

***Closeup on the Southwest:*** As we do from time to time, "Ratings Analysis" takes a look at an area of the country that, because of space limitations, is not represented on our ratings pages. This month, we examine Southwest Championship Wrestling, which promotes matches in Texas.

In the July 1984 issue, when we last featured Southwest ratings, Killer Brooks held the Southwest heavyweight championship. Brooks lost that title recently to Bobby Jaggers. Since our last set of Southwest ratings, Ken Timbs and Eric Embry, also known as "The Fabulous Blonds," lost the Southwest tag team title to "The Raging Bulls" team of Manny Fernandez and Al Perez. Timbs and Embry later won them back, however, and as of press time they continue to hold those belts. Embry also holds the United States junior heavyweight championship, having defeated Bobby Fulton for that title.

Steve Keirn and Stan Lane continue to appear in the area in tag team competition, commuting between Texas and the AWA region, as does number two ranked Bruiser Brody.

*Bobby Jaggers*

*Bruiser Brody*

## SOUTHWEST

**1—BOBBY JAGGERS**
*255, Dunlap, Kansas*

**2—BRUISER BRODY**
*284, Albuquerque, NM*

**3—KILLER BROOKS**
*259, Waxahache, TX*

**4—MANNY FERNANDEZ**
*249, San Jose, CA*

**5—ERIC EMBRY**
*225, Frankfort, KY*

**6—THE MUMMY**
*303, Egypt*

**7—AL PEREZ**
*247, Tampa, FL*

**8—BOBBY FULTON**
*240, Columbus, OH*

**9—KEN TIMBS**
*241, Macon, GA*

**10—TONY FALK**
*229, Paducah, KY*

***Random Notes:*** In this issue's Mid-Southern ratings, **Tommy Rich** moves into the number one position. Rich currently holds the Mid-Southern International heavyweight title, having defeated **Masao Ito** recently for that championship *(see "Wrestler of the Month" on page 18).* In "Ratings Analysis" in *The Wrestler* (October 1984) and *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* (November 1984), we reported that Ito was bringing the title on a major world tour, and that as a result we would not be considering the International title in determining our Mid-Southern ratings. But since Rich currently holds the International title, and plans to remain in the United States, he will be ranked number one in the Mid-Southern area, and we will resume our policy of rating the International champion number one . . . You will find the **Mosca** family very well represented in the NWA ratings this month. This is the first time since we expanded our ratings in *Sports Review Wrestling* that a father and son have both been rated in the NWA top 10. **Angelo Mosca Sr.**, as Southern heavyweight champion, holds the number four position, while his son, **Angelo Jr.**, ranks sixth as the Mid-Atlantic titleholder . . . **Ronnie Garvin** remains in the number two spot in the Georgia ratings despite the fact that there is still no National television champion. That belt had been held up following a controversial finish in a match between Garvin and **Jake "The Snake" Roberts**. Not only has "Hands of Stone" proven himself worthy of the top ratings in his matches with Roberts, he has also performed spectacularly in matches against NWA World champion **Ric Flair** . . . In the Mid-Atlantic region, a controversial situation currently exists with **Wahoo McDaniel** and the U.S. heavyweight title. Pending an official NWA decision, the U.S. title is being held up due to the massive amount of questions surrounding McDaniel's title victory over **Rick Steamboat**. Based on the successful defenses he made before the NWA held up the title, McDaniel remains in the number one position in the Mid-Atlantic, and the number one position in the NWA.

*Tommy Rich*

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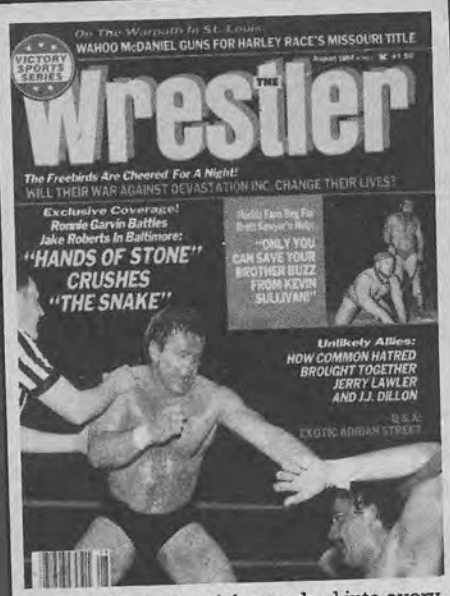
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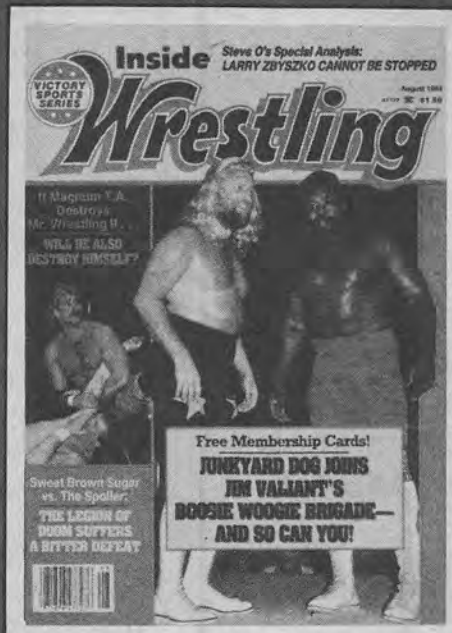
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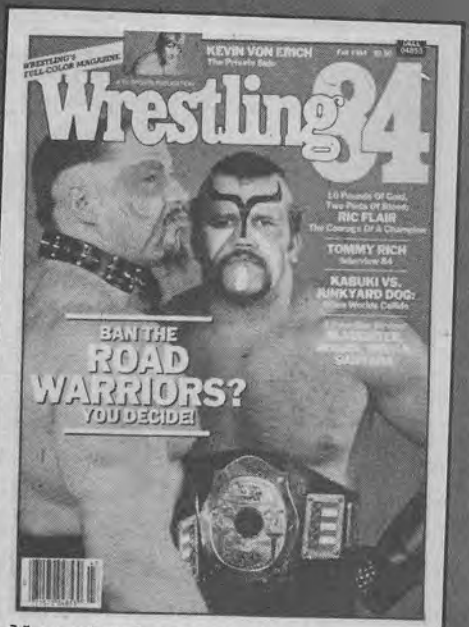


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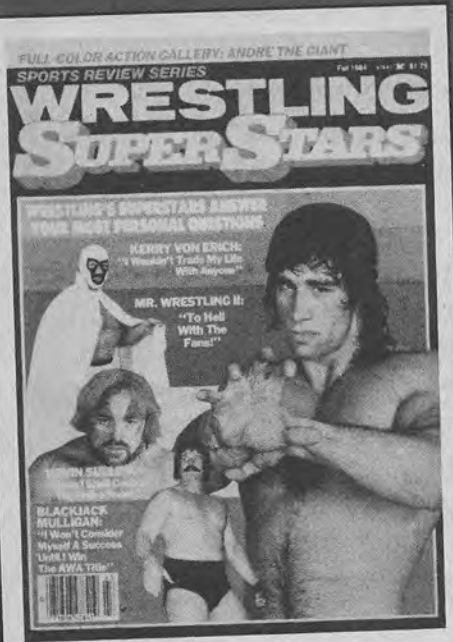


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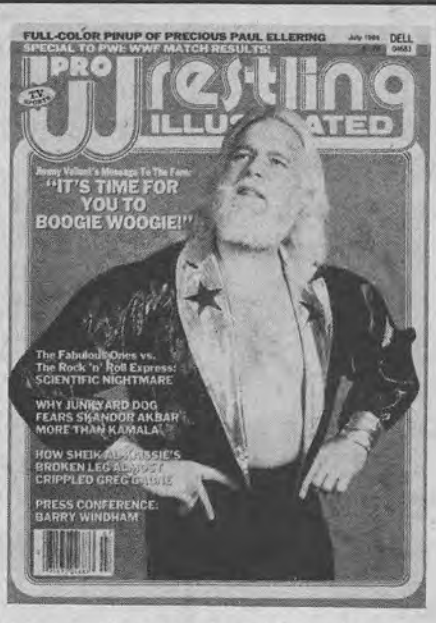
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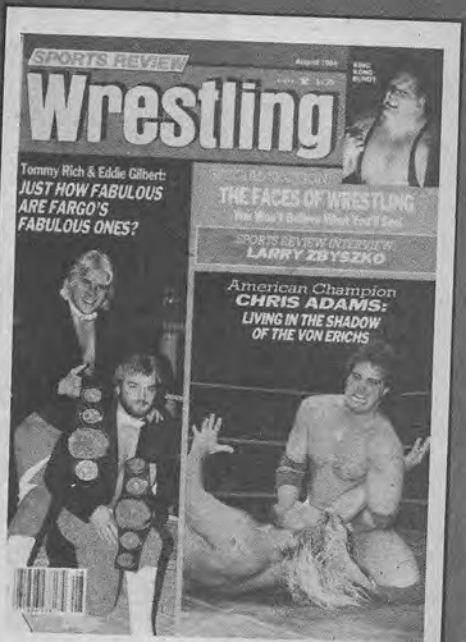


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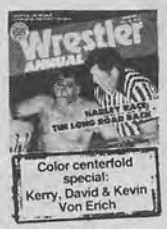

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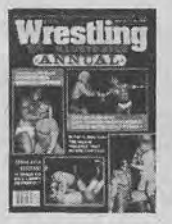

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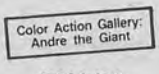

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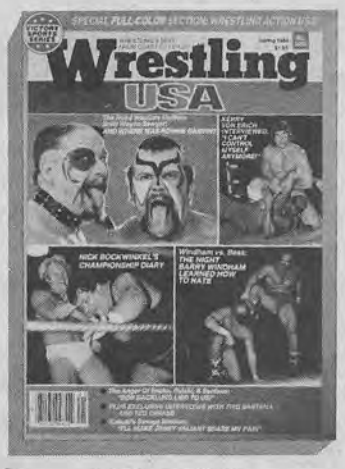


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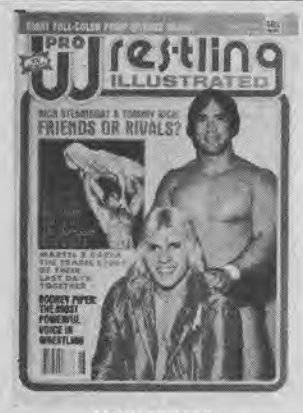


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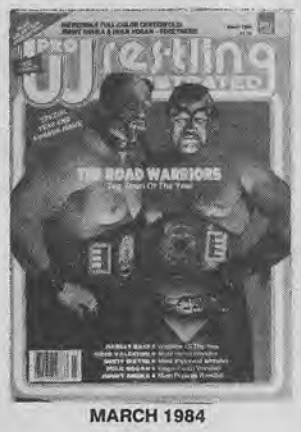


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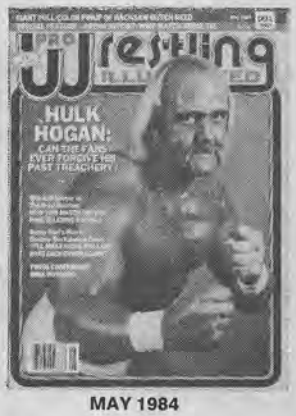


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**CYNDI LAUPER & CAPT. LOU ALBANO**

that he was the reason for Lauper's enormous success. He had said that he wrote several of Cyndi's hit songs, that he had personally discovered Cyndi, and that he was her exclusive personal manager.

Lauper categorically denied all of those assertions during her appearance on an installment of Roddy Piper's "Piper's Pit" on televised WWF wrestling. Lauper also said that Albano knows as much about wrestling as he knows about the music business, and challenged him to a contest: Lauper will manage Wendy Richter in a title match against the Albano-managed World women's champion Fabulous Moolah.

"Come on, daddy, what's the deal here, is she kidding, Cyndi, baby, are you kidding?" Albano raved. "What chance in a million do you have against the man, the guiding light, the manager of more WWF tag team champions than you have fingers on both your hands, The Captain! This match will be like lighting a candle with a blowtorch, like squashing a mosquito with a sledgehammer, like cutting butter with an axe!"

Lauper, presumably in special training with Richter for the July 21 confrontation, was unavailable for comment.

*—Alison Corey*

**COLUMBUS, GA:** Jerry Oates and Ronnie Garvin defeated The Road Warriors here on the Fourth of July to capture the National tag team title.

"Ronnie and I have spent most of the last three months in secret training in my gym in Columbus," Oates

**GARVIN VS. HAWK**

told *The Tattler*. "We managed to hone our teamwork down to perfection, and we worked on at least a half-dozen special finishing maneuvers that we anticipated would be effective against The Warriors."

Following the defeat, Precious Paul Ellering announced that he, Hawk, and Animal will be headed to the AWA in search of the AWA World tag team belts, currently held by Crusher and Baron Von Raschke.

"We have bigger fish to fry," Ellering said. "Indeed, two shrimps like Oates and Garvin are so far beneath our notice that to even attempt a rematch against them would be a total embarrassment to The Legion of Doom.

"Quite frankly, The Legion has outgrown the National tag team titles, and the measly opposition in the Georgia area," Ellering sneered. "We're after the big game, now. The AWA World tag team belts. And I predict that we'll have those belts within 60 days of our arrival in the AWA."

*—B.W. Foreman* □


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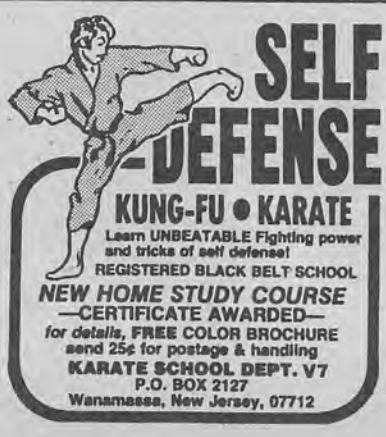

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# INQUIRING REPORTER

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*Barbara Isaacs, New Orleans:* "Junkyard Dog is the one man who deserves to have a title shot against Flair, and who never gets one. JYD is the best, a man who combines strength, speed, agility, and experience all in one dynamic package. I know that Flair knows this, too—that's why he avoids giving JYD a title shot. Flair may be a coward, but he's no dummy. Given a title shot, JYD would definitely become the first black World champion."

*Martin Archer, Portland, OR:* "I don't think, I *know*, that the one man truly capable of beating Flair for the NWA belt is Billy Jack. I've seen him wrestle Flair to a draw, and I'm convinced that he can defeat Flair. And once Flair is caught in that incredible full-nelson of Billy's, there will be absolutely no escape. It will be a great moment in professional wrestling, and I only hope that I'm there to see it."

*Arie Nadboy, Island Park, NY:* "I think if Sgt. Slaughter could set aside his feud with The Iron Sheik and get back to training in the basics, get back in the ring against some stiff NWA competition, he would be able to take Flair. I'm sure of it. I've seen a few of Slaughter's matches against the Sheik, and frankly, they've been a waste of the Sarge's talents. Slaughter is a man who deserves better. In fact, he deserves the best, and that means the NWA belt."

*John Coyle, Roanoke, VA:* "Nobody. There isn't a wrestler in the world today who can defeat Flair in a fair match. This isn't to say that Flair is unbeatable. Who knows? There might be another fluke loss like the match against Von Erich in Texas Stadium. But all flukes aside, Flair is unbeatable. He is truly the best wrestler in the world today, and he's got the belt to prove it." □

**Billy Jack, holding Flair in a headlock, ponders his next move. In the view of Martin Archer, Billy's next move will be straight to the World title.**

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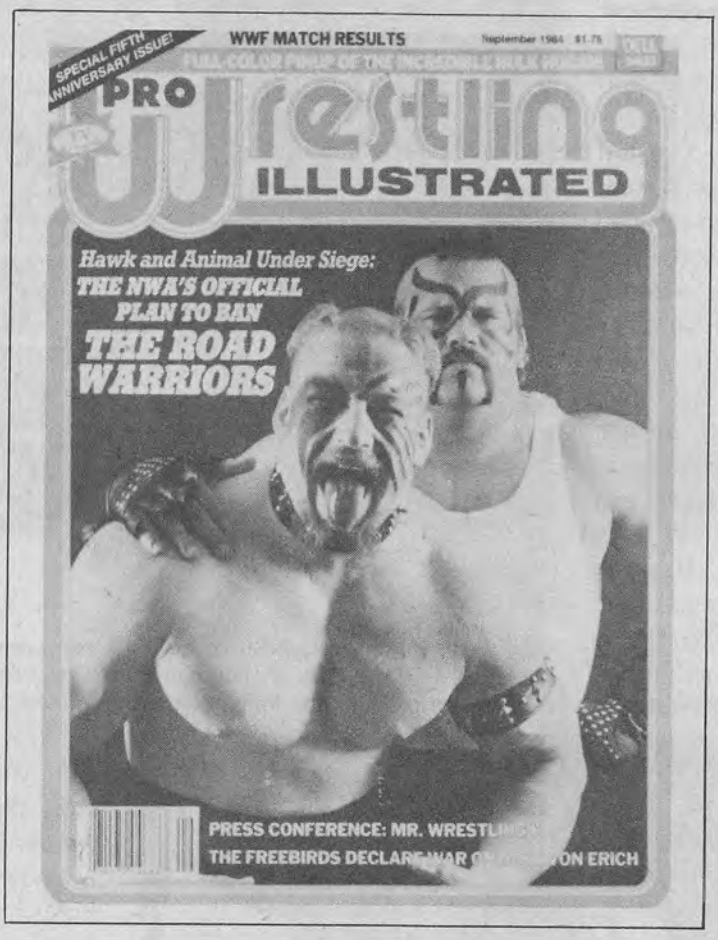


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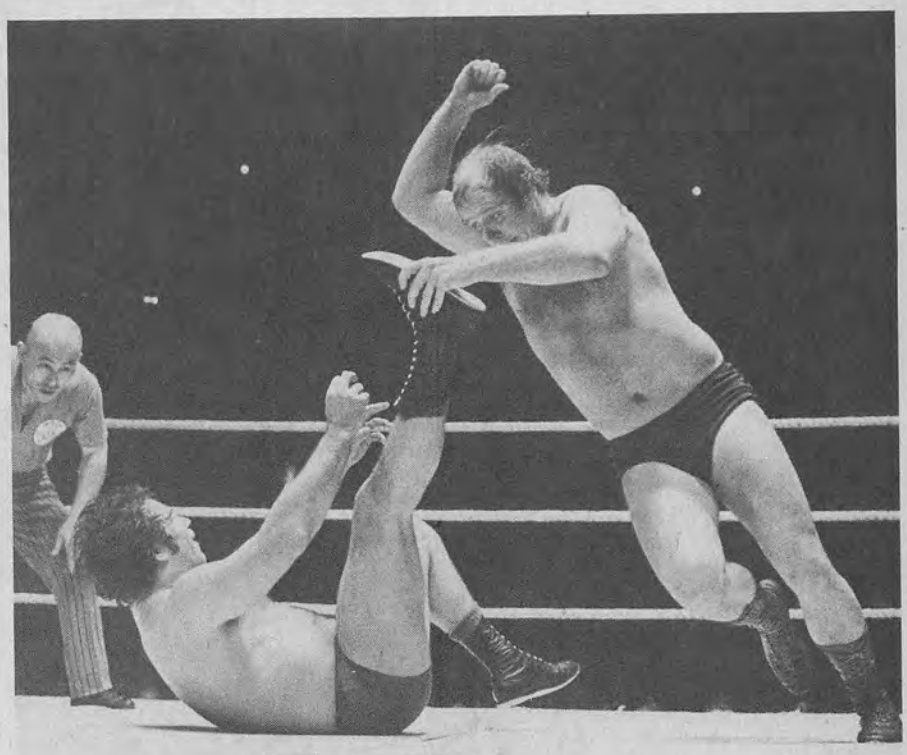
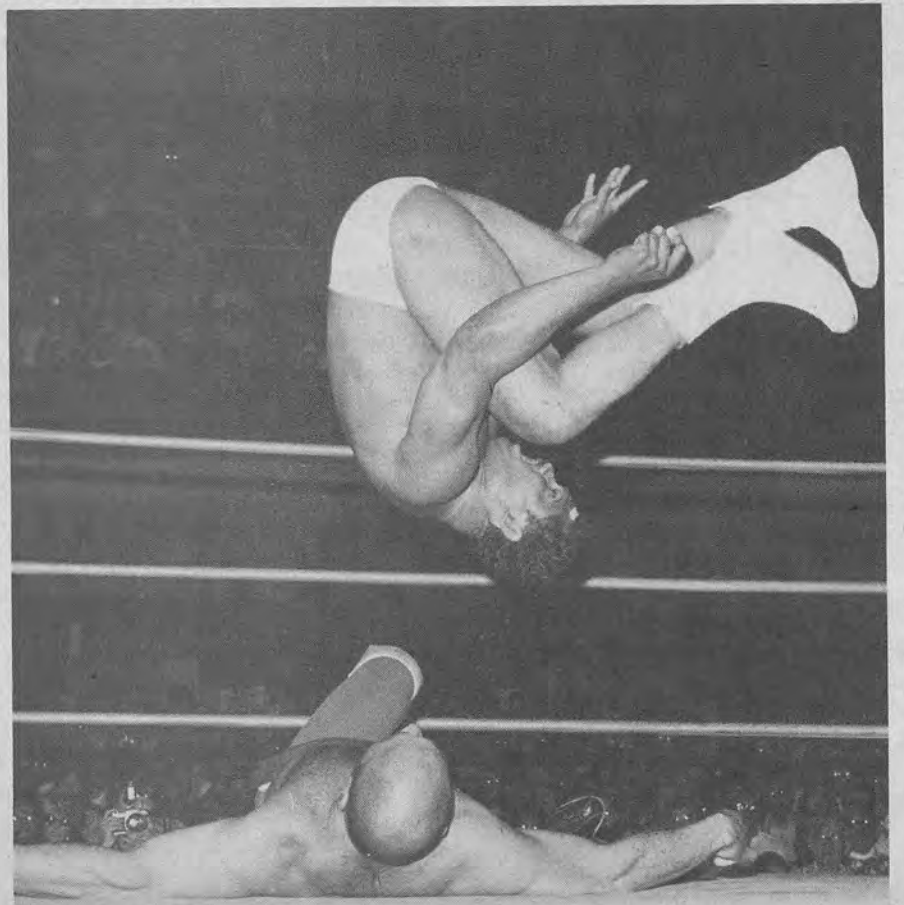


NWA World champion Jack Brisco makes a vain attempt to defend himself against an elbowdropping Dory Funk Jr. during their thrilling 60-minute draw in St. Louis (above). Victor Rivera performs the flying steamroller on John Tolos (below).



NWA WORLD CHAMPION Jack Brisco and former champion Dory Funk Jr. wrestled in what many observers called "The Greatest Match in 30 Years." The match went to the time limit, and Brisco retained his title . . . Two ex-champions, Harley Race and Pat O'Connor, wrestled to a draw in St. Louis . . . In an exclusive interview, Mrs. Chief Jay Strongbow told reporter Bill Apter she wanted her husband to quit wrestling. Jay said he would never leave his fans . . . The biggest feud on the West Coast was John Tolos vs. Victor Rivera . . . WWF champion Bruno Sammartino introduced his protege, Larry Zbyszko, to Northeastern wrestling. Zbyszko was impressive and would be named Rookie of the Year by the fans . . . AWA champion Verne Gagne encountered his most difficult month as champion, wrestling Superstar Billy Graham, Billy Robinson, Ray Stevens, and Nick Bockwinkel . . . George "The Animal" Steele was brought to the WWF by Capt. Lou Albano. Steele was unable to take the WWF belt from Sammartino . . . Andre the Giant set a record for most victories in a month. He earned 35 victories in July, sometimes winning two bouts in a single night . . . Harley Race continued his comeback by winning the Missouri State championship. He successfully turned back his first challenger, Dory Funk Jr. . . . The match that had been in the making for 10 years finally occurred—The Sheik vs. Dick the Bruiser. Bruiser won on a disqualification . . . The Japanese karate expert Strong Kobayashi signed with Fred Blassie. Blassie immediately set up matches in WWF territory . . . NWA RATINGS:

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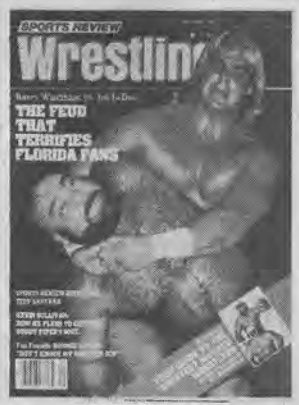


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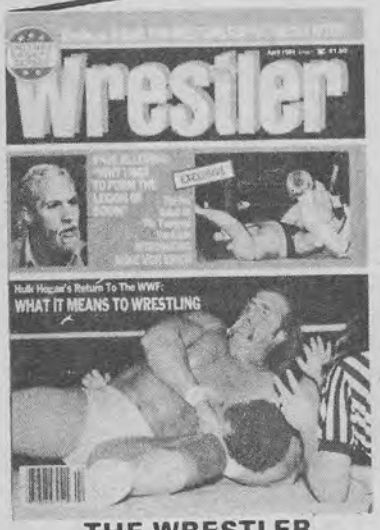


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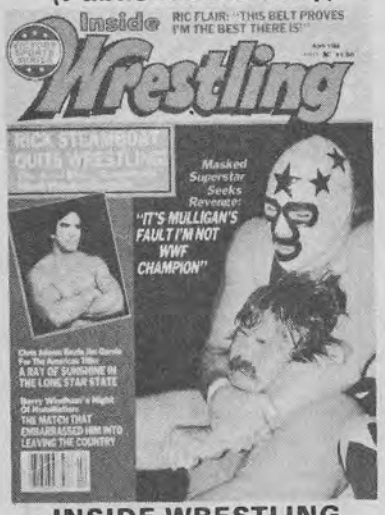
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## JULY/AUGUST 1979

DUSTY RHODES WON the NWA World title in Tampa, Florida, pinning Harley Race after delivering three straight bionic elbow-smashes. Five days later, before the scheduled rematch with Race in Orlando, Rhodes' right arm was broken in a vicious sneak-attack by former champion Terry Funk. Funk, wearing street clothes, snuck into the ring and whipped Rhodes with his leather belt. With Dusty flat on his back, Funk climbed to the top turnbuckle and kneedropped the champion's right arm. After chasing Funk out of the ring, Race approached Dusty and gave him an opportunity to reschedule the match. Rhodes, not wanting to disappoint the capacity crowd, bravely wrestled with the broken arm and lost ... Paul Jones and Barry Hart managed the Fabulous Kangaroos ... Jerry Lawler won the Memphis title from Jackie Fargo ... Ole Anderson won Von Raschke regained the NWA tag team title from Ric Flair and Blackjack Mulligan ... Dick Murdoch won the Missouri title from Bruiser ... Jimmy Snuka, managed by Buddy Rogers, successfully defended his U.S. title in a rugged battle with Tim "Mr. Wrestling" Woods ... Tommy Rich demanded a cage match with Ole Anderson ... WWF champion Bob Backlund used an atomic spinecrusher to turn back the challenge of Jimmy Valiant ... Incredibly, Texas fans named Bruiser Brody among Mil Mascaras, Wahoo McDaniel, and the Von Erichs as one of the state's most popular men ... Killer Khan and King Curtis made an unsuccessful bid for the Florida tag team title held by Steve Keirn and Jim Garvin ... After defeating Pat Patterson in a non-title match, Bruno Sammartino called the WWF North American champion "one of the toughest guys I have ever wrestled" ... Although there was no noticeable change in his ring style, Mad Dog Vachon was cheered by the fans for his decision to team with Verne Gagne and wrestle AWA rule-

**In 1979, Buddy Rogers managed the rule-breaking U.S. heavyweight champion, Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka.**

breakers ... Paul Ellering won a "pose down" with Jesse Ventura ... The Spoiler was disqualified against Kevin Von Erich for refusing to release his brain claw ... NWA RATINGS: 1—Harley Race; 2—Dusty Rhodes; 3—Terry Funk; 4—Jimmy Snuka; 5—Killer Kox; 6—Ric Flair; 7—Ken Patera; 8—Mr. Wrestling II; 9—Dick Murdoch; 10—Rick Steamboat. AWA RATINGS: 1—Nick Bockwinkel; 2—Billy Robinson; 3—Verne Gagne; 4—Greg Gagne; 5—Mad Dog Vachon; 6—Super Destroyer II; 7—Bill Dundee; 8—Jesse Ventura; 9—Jerry Lawler; 10—Crusher. WWF RATINGS: 1—Bob Backlund; 2—Swede Hanson; 3—Bobby Duncum; 4—Pat Patterson; 5—Greg Valentine; 6—Ivan Putski; 7—Chief Jay Strongbow; 8—Ted DiBiase; 9—Nikolai Volkoff; 10—Bulldog Brower. TAG TEAMS: 1—Paul Jones & Baron Von Raschke; 2—Johnny & Jerry Valiant; 3—Verne Gagne & Mad Dog Vachon; 4—Steve Keirn & Jim Garvin; 5—Ole Anderson & Ivan Koloff; 6—John Studd & Ken Patera; 7—Spoiler & Mark Lewin; 8—Bugsy McGraw & Thor the Viking; 9—Ron & Robert Fuller; 10—Wayne Farris & Larry Latham. □

**WWF champion Bob Backlund uses an atomic spinecrusher during a title defense against number one contender Swede Hanson at Madison Square Garden.**

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# BADSTREET

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*A quick montage of wrestling action follows:*

*Hayes backdrops Kevin Von Erich . . .*

*Gordy shoves a fan into the ringside seats . . .*

*Roberts punches Mike Von Erich . . .*

*A forearm smash, a double-team of Kevin, heads smashing into steel cage walls . . .*

*Hayes . . . Gordy . . . Roberts . . .*

*Life inside the wrestling ring is as brutal as life on Badstreet . . .*

*. . . almost!*

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The "Badstreet U.S.A." video premiered on May 6 in a Dallas nightclub called In Cahoots. Interestingly, that was the same day that 43,517 Texas wrestling fans flocked to Texas Stadium in Irving, Texas, to witness the incredible "Parade of Champions" wrestling card.

The club was packed as the entire cast and crew of the video showed up—including 20 punks, 21 technical people, several dozen additional crew and cast members, as well as The Freebirds and Jim Garvin, their friends, and members of the wrestling press from around the world.

Champagne and hors d'oeuvres were served as a giant video screen was lowered and the presentation began.

Words filled the screen: "I'm gonna tell you all a story about a place you don't wanna be . . ."

The packed club was spellbound.

Minutes later, applause filled In Cahoots. Smiles crossed the faces of everyone in the club. The Freebirds had a hit on their hands, and everyone knew it.

"I think it stands up to most anything on MTV right now," said director Bynum. MTV will not consider a video for airplay until the song is in national distribution, and that seems only a matter of time. Once the distribution rights are arranged, Bynum is "certain that MTV will put the video in regular rotation."

What's next?

"More success for The Freebirds, 'Badstreet' style," Hayes said laughing. The song is on the rise, the video is one step away from becoming a national phenomenon—just like The Freebirds are already!"

●

*Hayes places his arms around the waists of a pair of girls and leads them into his house.*

*We see special effect shots of the individual band members as the chorus rings out once again:*

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*"Baddest street in the whole U.S.A.!*

*"BADSTREET, nasty and hot!*

*"The further down the block you went the badder it got!"*

*The final sight in the video is a shot of Hayes in front of the band, his fist thrust high in the air in a victory salute. He sneers into the camera and delivers the ultimate assertion of Freebird Fantasia:*

*"We live in the last house on the right!"* □

**Above: The Freebirds watch intently as *Badstreet U.S.A.* premieres in a nightclub in Dallas. Below: Roberts, Gordy, and Hayes toast their success. Bottom: Where is *Badstreet U.S.A.* going on the charts? Number one!**

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You'll see how Vern, a man who likes to give a lot of expensive parties, was always short of cash until he discovered the amazing WITCH'S MONEY JAR—now all he has to do is dip in, for it brings him an endless flow of cash! Evelyn, a waitress, was always lending money to friends, and was always broke. Finally, she placed her last dollar on the table, and worked the MONEY MAGNET SPELL over it. All at once, dozens of people who had borrowed money from her, rushed to pay her back!

Hank was perpetually broke. One night he got together with some friends, and they decided to cast the MONEY SPELL. The very next day, Hank received in the mail a check for some $250 worth of insurance. (He had never heard of the company that sent the check, he was not insured with them, and had never even made a claim—but he accepted the money.) Another member of the group that used the spell, a 40-year-old secretary, received an automobile as a gift! All the other members of the group received amazing windfalls of money, as well! You'll see how Dexter, a retiree, lives RENT FREE *and* receives $200 a week at the age of 78, with a secret you'll find in this Witch Book! You'll see how Claudine, a secretary, was able to wear the finest, most expensive furs—FREE—and spend weekends at an expensive ski lodge in the mountains, where she met a wonderful man! How Ruth L., a widow—with nothing but a small pension, and a little savings—received her dream house, by using a simple 5-minute ritual on page 38 of this book!

Using the same Witchcraft secrets, YOU can achieve peace of mind and freedom from money worries for the rest of your life!

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- More Power for Bigger Goals!
- Inhaling Cosmic Energy!
- Recharging Your Cosmic Batteries!
- Raising Your Vital Energy Level!
- How to Keep Evil Forces Away!

### YOU CAN HEAL YOURSELF AS WITCHES DO!

Feeling sick today? Plagued by a lot of troublesome illnesses? Perhaps some relative is sick and constantly demanding your attention? Or perhaps it is even a pet that needs help? With the MAGIC POWER OF WITCHCRAFT, you can cure anything, say authors Gavin and Yvonne Frost: "In our experience . . . we have not found a single incurable disease!"

• **ANDY DISSOLVES A GALLSTONE!**—Andy M. developed gallstones. When his illness became too troublesome to ignore, he went to a doctor. Urine tests revealed that he was chronically alkaline. His body was badly out of balance. Using this Witchcraft method to restore balance to the mind and body—in a short while, X-rays showed that he had no more gallstones! Andy never again suffered the excruciating pain of passing stones!

In the same way, say Gavin and Yvonne Frost, almost all illness can be prevented. You are actually employing an ancient Witchcraft method to remove diseased tissue! Even if you do not have any belief in the results, the power will work for you!

One woman, who had been in a wheelchair for 26 years, due to polio and arthritis, used the Witchcraft healing method, and reported that she had no pain and could walk and garden again! A man reported that his son's deep 3rd degree burns miraculously healed overnight!

• **SO SIMPLE A CHILD USES IT!**—A 4-year-old girl asked if she could try to heal a man who was limping—due to a torn ligament—with this simple Witchcraft healing method. In a matter of moments, she started her chant, laying her hands on the weak ankle. The man was miraculously cured! To skeptics, this should be convincing PROOF that anyone can use it!

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Whether you want infinite wealth, or just a comfortable new home, financial security, fine possessions, love, companionship, new health and vigor, power to control others, secret knowledge, protection from evil, or anything else, the magic power of Witchcraft can bring it to you quickly, easily and automatically! It's the easiest thing in the world!

• **HOW TO SEE INTO THE FUTURE!**—Would you like to be able to see the future? You CAN with the magic Black Mirror you'll see how to make on page 23. All you need is some ink and a bowl of water. Then use the chant on this page, and you will be able to see many things. One man uses it to read tomorrow's newspaper. YOU can use it to check the stock market or that important horse race!

• **MAKE TIME RUN BACKWARD OR FORWARD!**—A Witch uses ancient methods to make time stand still or to run it backward or forward! To make your face look young or old at will, all you need is some morning dew, and the instructions on page 27. You can fly through time and space, on astral wings, go anywhere, do anything, with the simple method on page 126. You can visit a friend, look in on an acquaintance and see what he is doing—even appear in someone's dreams, and convince that person to do whatever you wish!

• **SECRETS OF SILENT PERSUASION!**—There is a magic handshake that Witches often use, revealed on page 62. With this secret, you can implant a thought in someone's mind! You can use this Witchcraft power to dominate others! Control your boss! Make someone love you! Leave your enemies groveling in the dust! There is even a gazing technique Witches use on page 45, for identical thoughts. With this secret, you can read your friend's mind and share his or her identical thoughts!

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By using these Witchcraft secrets, you too can change your life and gain health, wealth, someone to love—or anything else—surely, swiftly and automatically!

• **THE WITCH'S MONEY JAR!**—You'll discover the secret of the Witch's Money Jar, a mysterious jar that fills with money—whenever you want or need it! All you need is some water, pennies, and an ordinary jar or bowl! You'll be amazed at the speed with which it fills with money—a seemingly endless supply of needed cash!

• **THE WITCH'S MONEY MAGNET!**—You'll see how to magnetize a dollar bill so that it multiples! All you need to make your own Witch's Money Magnet is a dollar bill, a green candle, and the words on page 38. Once you do this, your dollar will double and keep doubling! You'll enjoy glittering luxuries, and start living like a millionaire, as Witches do!

• **THE WITCH'S BLACK MIRROR!**—Just as your TV set has been called your "window on the world," so the Black Mirror is your "window on the psychic world"—the world of the unknown. Making your own personal Black Mirror takes only a few moments and can open the way to unguessable visions. All you need is a bowl of water, some ink, and the chant on page 23. Suddenly you will see scenes from other places and times, or any scene you wish to see!

### MEET THE AUTHORS

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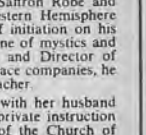

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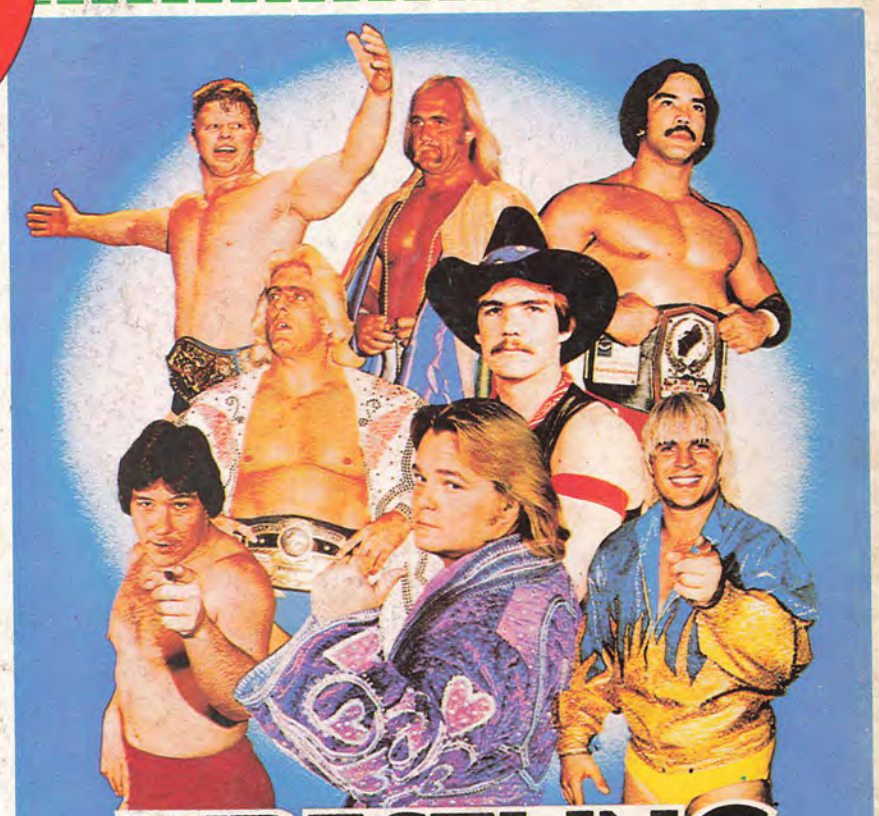
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